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Sgt. Nardi Named To Post...

Safety Officer Returned To Police Dept.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For the first time in over a year, Agawam will once again have a full-time safety officer coordinating and conducting safety programs throughout the school system and overseeing the operation of the Police Department's Traffic Bureau.

And Agawam Police Sergeant Gary Nardi will have to get out of the habit of automatically switching on the headlights of his cruiser at the start of his shift.

Nardi, who has spent most of his 16 year career as an Agawam police officer on the night shift, has been appointed by Police Chief Robert Campbell as the town's new safety officer.

Presently serving as the commander of the dogwatch (the midnight - 8:00 a.m. shift), Nardi will take over his new responsibilities in the recently reinstated position of safety officer on Friday, September 2nd.

Campbell said one of his goals when he took on the police chief's job in May was to have the safety officer's position reinstated and filled before the start of the new school year on September 6th.

After reviewing a year without a safety officer, Campbell said he was convinced the position must be restored.

"Sergeant Nardi will energize the program. He's a very dynamic individual. This is going to be a homerun for the town and a homerun for the schools," Campbell said.

Safety Program To Be Revamped

Charged with revising and revamping the school safety programs, Nardi will "pretty much have an open hand" in developing viable, interesting programs that are age-appropriate, particularly in the upper grades, Campbell said.

SEE SAFETY OFFICER - Page 2...

BACK TO SCHOOL:

All elementary school students, Middle School students, seventh graders entering Junior High, & AHS ninth graders report TUESDAY, SEPT. 6TH. Everyone is in school on WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7TH. Yeah! See School Committee Report inside for starting times at each school.

The Boys & Girls Of Summer Are Gone!



CAMPERS AT PERRY LANE PARK in Agawam enjoy the annual picnic just before the end of summer camp. From left - Chris Baum, Jamie Lewin, and Kevin Bienia. RELATED PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMP RAINBOW CAMPERS enjoy their Annual Special Olympics at Agawam High School. From left - Matthew Hooks, Annie Bianca (counselor), Peter Kingsley, Heather Gearing (counselor), Michael DiMauro, Trish O'Toole (counselor), Angeline Simone, Jessica Batista, and Laura Brown (counselor). MANY MORE PHOTOS in Education Section. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SAFETY OFFICER - from Page 1...

"It takes a lot to devise programs that are progressive through the grades," Campbell said, noting the importance of avoiding duplicating programs from year to year.

As the new safety officer, Nardi said his first priority will be to meet with school administrators to evaluate what the needs are and how best to meet those needs. According to Nardi, the most important aspect of the job was "to get back into the schools."

In addition to his work with safety in the schools, as the safety officer, Nardi will assume responsibility for the five-member traffic bureau.

As a sergeant in the Traffic Bureau, Nardi assisted then-Lieutenant Campbell in a statistical analysis of traffic patterns that resulted in a program leading to a 15 percent reduction in traffic accidents in town. "He comes to the Traffic Bureau with a lot of experience," Campbell added.

Besides being responsible for the speed enforcement program, the safety officer is the investigator in charge of all fatal accidents and oversees the investigation of accidents resulting in serious personal injury.

Elimination Of Position Controversial

In a controversial move at the end of the 1992-93 school year, former Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski eliminated the position of safety officer and entered into an agreement with the School Department to supply officers for specific programs at the request of the School Depart-

ment.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson defended the elimination of the position and said the students would be better served because officers with training in specific areas would be sent to cover topics within their specialties. Also, Johnson had said that the children would be better off getting to know as many police officers as possible.

Many parents did not agree. As chairwoman of the town-wide Ad Hoc Safety Council, parent Susan Dempsey identified the loss of the position of safety officer as a particular concern in addressing safety issues for children. "The reinstatement of the position is critical," Mrs. Dempsey stated at the council's first meeting in November 1993.

The Joint Elementary School Improvement Council took on the issue of the need for a safety officer as one of its top priorities, citing confusion over the scheduling of the twice-yearly state mandated bus evacuation drills as a major concern.

Prior to the beginning of the '93-'94 school year, the safety officer had conducted the fall bus evacuation drill within the first few weeks of school. Without a centrally coordinated program in place last year, the fall bus evacuation drill had not been scheduled by late November.

Relieved that the "essential position of safety officer" was preserved, Mrs. Dempsey noted, "I look forward to working with Sergeant Nardi."

Nardi was a patrolman for seven years before being promoted to sergeant in 1987. He serves as the department's first aid and CPR instructor and is the police supervisor's union steward.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano Six Steps For Survival

Many home fires happen at night, between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., while most of us are sleeping. Make sure your family can protect itself by knowing these six steps:

1. Smoke detectors should be installed on each level of your home and outside sleeping areas. If you sleep with the bedroom door closed, install a detector in the bedroom. Smoke detectors sound an early warning while escape is still possible. Test detectors monthly and replace batteries annually.

2. Have a home fire escape plan. Draw out your home on paper and mark at least two exits from each room. Make plans for family members that may need assistance, the very young or old. If exits include windows, make sure they can be easily opened and if they're high, have escape ladders available. Designate a place for everyone to meet once they get outside.

3. Practice your plan. Have one practice with family members using their primary exit and another where the secondary way out is used. If necessary, make changes. Fire drills aren't just for school.

4. If possible, sleep with bedroom doors closed. In the event of a home fire they can hold back smoke and fire, increasing your time for escape.

5. When awakened by your smoke detector, roll out of bed and crawl to your bedroom door. Test the door with the back of your hand, for heat. Feel it high, low and touch the knob. If the door is hot, DO NOT open it, and use your secondary exit to escape. If it is cool, open it carefully and be ready to slam it shut if there is smoke or fire.

6. Go to your designated meeting place. Have someone go to a neighbor's to call the fire department. Once you're outside, you should never go back into a burning building.

For more information on home fire survival, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of CAROLYN E. BORKOSKY, who is seeking relief from Section 180-27 which would allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as PARCEL A, PINE STREET and adjacent to 194 PINE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
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Bitzas Refuses Debate!

The campaign manager for George Bitzas, Patrick Nolan, said his candidate objects to the debate format. Nolan said he wanted all candidates to have advance notice of the questions to be posed, and not to be presented with questions from the audience on debate night.

Meanette Vermes, representing the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, stated that the town committee has always used this format, which includes questions from the audience that are screened by town committee members.

According to her, Bitzas participated in several similar forums organized by the town committee when he sought a seat on the Agawam Town Council. Bitzas has referred all questions to Nolan.

DAN KEENAN'S RESPONSE

Keenan said he is disappointed that Bitzas will not participate.

"It makes sense that the people who are voting should be able to ask questions of the people they are voting for," Keenan said.



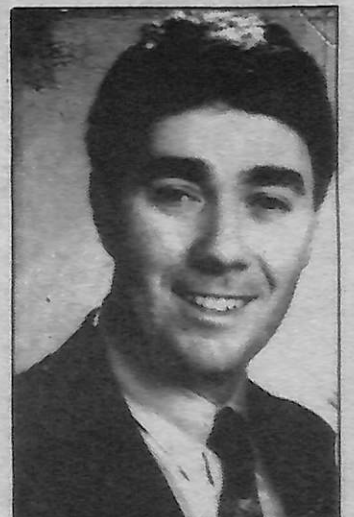
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Trust & Leadership Keys To State Rep. Campaign

To The Editor:

With less than three weeks to go before the September primary, the contest between George Bitzas and Dan Keenan appears to hinge on two very important criterias ... TRUST and LEADERSHIP.

We know from Dan Keenan's weekly advertisements that he has campaigned on the assertion to be a "new leader and someone you can trust." George Bitzas, on the other hand, claims that he is "the candidate for all the people" and that he is "a proven leader."

Unlike George Bitzas, very little is known about Dan Keenan. Thanks to Mr. Bitzas' refusal to debate Mr. Keenan, the voters will not be given a chance to learn more about him. Further, the voters will never know how these two candidates would stand up under the pressure of a debate.

Dan Keenan, if elected, will have to prove whether he is a new leader and that he can be trusted by the voters. We do know from his advertisements that he is a graduate of St. Anselms College and he is an attorney at law. By coincidence, the man he is trying to replace, Mike Walsh, is also a graduate of St. Anselms College and he is also an attorney. Mike Walsh has proven to be a great leader.

Dan Keenan has been going door-to-door to meet the voters, while George Bitzas appears to be content with his street corner stand-ins. Mr. Keenan, although a newcomer to politics, appeared eager to debate George Bitzas, a seasoned city councilor. When it comes to *Union* endorsements, Dan Keenan, "the new kid on the block," ran away from his opponent in this department. Dan Keenan has received numerous *Union* endorsements while George Bitzas, I am told, received only one.

The televised city council meetings may come back to haunt George Bitzas. He claims to be a proven leader, however, the records will show that Councilor Bitzas has consistently voted with James Taylor, the president of the city council, together with the wishes of the Mayor. This voting practice is indicative of a follower and not that of a leader.

More recently, George Bitzas flip-flopped on the debate issue. First it was no, then it was yes, and then no again. This type of wishy-washy behavior is called INDECISION. Indecisiveness comes not from a leader.

Two weeks ago, a newspaper reporter attempted to speak with George Bitzas. However, he referred all questions to his campaign manager. This type of behavior comes from a person who lacks courage or from a politician. A leader would stand on his own two feet and does not "pass the buck."

Lastly, Mr. Bitzas' campaign manager, Patrick Nolan, apparently informed the Democratic Committee representative, Meanette Vermes, that George Bitzas demanded that all debate questions be made available in advance and that he objected to any audience participation during the

proposed debates.

From where I sit, George Bitzas lacks the leadership ability which is essential to becoming our next State REPRESENTATIVE.

Brian LaBombard
Agawam

Voters Not Being Served By Candidate's Refusal To Debate

To The Editor:

Two interesting letters appeared in Thursday's edition of *The Advertiser News*. Both letters were critical of City Councilor George Bitzas' rejection to debate Dan Keenan. Both George Bitzas and Dan Keenan are candidates for the Democratic nomination to be held on Tuesday, September 20th.

If I sound perplexed or confused, please forgive me as I am not normally politically active. Some questions have come to mind.

Why would a veteran City Councilor like George Bitzas elect to run for the office of State Representative, only to deny the voters of the Third Hampden District the opportunity to a debate between himself and his opponent, Dan Keenan?

How does a voter benefit from a debate which denies audience participation?

Who benefits in a debate when the questions are made available, in advance, to the debaters?

It seems to me that, under the guidelines demanded by Mr. Bitzas' campaign manager, the answers to the questions should also be made available. In so doing, both Mr. Bitzas and Mr. Keenan could hold a press conference.

Seriously, the voters would be better served if George Bitzas would reconsider his position on the proposed debate. Since he has competed in this type of forum in the past, it would appear that this type of debate would be to his advantage.

Kara K. Pattison
Agawam

Bitzas Asks Voters To Again Place Their Trust In Him

To The Editor:

Dear Independent And Democratic Voters Of The Third Hampden District:

Tuesday, September 20th is the Democratic primary. Please take a few minutes of your valuable time and go to the polls and vote.

In the last three Agawam town elections, you, the people of my town, the Town of Agawam, have trusted me with your vote and have elected me three times as your town councilor. I have done my best to serve you well and I am very proud of my accomplishments and my voting record.

Today, I am asking you again, with the people of Southwick, Tolland, Granville, Russell, and Blandford, to put your trust in me and vote for me Tuesday, September 20th in the Democratic primary.

I pledge to continue to work hard for all the people at the state level. As your State Representative, with proven experience, leadership, integrity, and dedication, I will bring your problems and concerns to the State House. I will be your strong voice there.

I am the Democratic candidate from Agawam, the heart of the district, and I have the district in my heart. The district needs a new and qualified leader with proven qualities, that you know and you trust, to fill the seat that is being vacated by Mike Walsh, a good friend.

I have strongly supported Mike and have worked with him, as an elected official, on many issues. Mike has served us well and I intend to do the same as your State Representative.

Please vote Tuesday, September 20th. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Democratic Candidate
For State Representative
Third Hampden District

Junior Women's Club Thanks Many For Bus Riders Program

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank all of the people who made our "First Time Bus Riders" Program a success.

For the use of the school bus, which took over 100 first-time riders, siblings, moms & dads, grandmas and caregivers, for a ride around the Agawam High School parking lot, we would like to thank **Five Star Transportation**.

For volunteering to drive the school bus for both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. programs, we would like to thank **Sandee Wise**.

For helping the Junior Women's Club to sign-up the participants for the August 19th program, we would like to thank **the staff of the Agawam Public Library**.

For donning our Safety Bug costume and showing the children the safe way to cross in front of, to board, and to ride a school bus, we would like to thank **Heidi Semanie**.

For their help with the program and with the children both on and off the bus, we would like to thank **Becky and Luke Dempsey, Kara Moores, and Anne Shibley**.

For their presence and support, we would like to thank **the Agawam Police Department** and especially **Officer Gallerani** for his assistance.

For his welcoming words and praise for the "First Time Bus Riders" Program, we would like to thank **Mr. Bernard Ryder**, Superintendent of Agawam's public schools.

For their caring and concern to help their children overcome any fears concerning the school bus, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to come to our program.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Wednesday, September 7th
Feeding Hills Women's Club
At Grange Hall, N. West St.
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 8th
Meeting for members of A.S.G.A.
(Agawam Senior Games Athletes)
At the Agawam Senior Center
10:00 a.m.

For additional information, call the
Senior Ctr. at 786-0400, ext. 242

Thursday, September 8th
Agawam Junior Women's Club's
"Membership Tea"
At Agawam Public Library
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For more info, please call 789-1320

Friday, September 9th
Annual "Open House" at The
Children's Center Nursery School
For more specific information about the
"Open House" schedule, call 786-1432

Saturday, September 10th
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

And lastly, to our fellow club member and moderator who did an exceptional job alleviating any "jitters" and showing everyone the safe and proper bus riding techniques, we would like to thank **Sue Dempsey**.

Sincerely,
Donna M. Shibley, President
Agawam Jr. Women's Club

A Knock On Our Door Helps Us Meet A Great Candidate

To The Editor:

Twelve years ago, a young man knocked at our door and asked us to consider supporting him for State Representative. We were so impressed with him that we not only voted for him, but volunteered to help on his campaign. We have helped him on all his campaigns. That wonderful young man is Mike Walsh.

This spring, another young man is walking across our town to gather support in his quest for State Representative—Dan Keenan. We met Dan and considered his qualifications and his desire to better the lives of the people in the district. Once again, we signed on as volunteers.

We believe that Dan has the ability, dedication, and principles we need to represent us in Boston. As much as we will miss Mike's representation, we are confident that Dan will do an excellent job for us and for all the citizens in the Third Hampden District.

Sincerely,
Ernie and Art Book

Taylor Brings Professionalism To Town Government

To The Editor:

It has been most refreshing to see the pride and professionalism brought to town government by Council President Jim Taylor. He has done a wonderful job at the difficult task of running the

council meetings in an orderly fashion.

You can imagine my pleasure when Mr. Taylor announced that he would seek the State Representative's office being vacated by Mike Walsh. Although we may hate to lose him on the council, I know he will take the same dedicated professionalism to Boston.

We need someone like Mr. Taylor to represent Agawam and the other towns in the area.

Yours truly,
Robert Magovern
Agawam

Why Is Public Candidate Shying Away From Debate?

To The Editor:

Why would a candidate for high public office shy away from debating his opponent?

Last week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* carried several letters concerning this matter. Mr. Bitzas may have legitimate reasons for not debating Mr. Dan Keenan, but unless he informs the voters of these reasons, he can only be hurt by his silence. Silence in politics can sometimes be golden, but not in this case.

It's crunch-time for George Bitzas.

Dan Moraski
Former 27-Year Town Resident
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Cancellation Of Debate Unfortunate For Voters

To The Editor:

It is indeed unfortunate for the voters of the Third Hampden District that the debate between George Bitzas and Dan Keenan has been cancelled for the second time.

I am certain that many voters are undecided and many felt, as I do, a debate between Mr. Bitzas and Mr. Keenan could have meant the difference of a vote for or against either candidate.

Neither Mr. Bitzas nor his campaign manager made any points with the undecided voters by denying them a chance to watch the debate. Sadly, these voters will have to rely on campaign propaganda and newspaper advertisements to make a very important decision.

Michele M. Sullivan
Agawam

Advertiser News Thanked For Summer Camp Coverage

To The Editor:

Many thanks are extended to Ric Sardella and his staff for their excellent coverage of both Camp Rainbow and Perry Lane Camp and all other recreational activities throughout the year.

Jack Devine took super pictures of all the events and Holly Pevzner's weekly articles were well written and gave the true picture of these programs.

The Advertiser keeps the public of Agawam aware of the programs offered by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department to them at an affordable price.

Sincerely,
Jack Kunasek
Recreation Director

Keenan Caught My Attention As Most Qualified Candidate

To The Editor:

I have never been involved with politics; however, Dan Keenan has caught my attention.

I can't begin to tell you how many times I have asked myself the question, "Why don't really good candidates seek office?" I must admit, I am very impressed with Dan Keenan's qualifications.

I would also like to express my sincere disappointment with his opponent's decision not to debate. I would have been extremely interested to see more of both candidates.

Let's not let this candidate slip by. I urge the residents of the district to please consider Dan Keenan.

Christine Fini
Agawam

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Looking Back...

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SEPTEMBER 6th - VOTING RIGHTS O.K'd FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Town Council, on the recommendation of the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee, voted Tuesday to allow the council president full voting privileges.

Previously, President Julio A. Alvigini could only vote in case of a tie. The subcommittee chairman, Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, said that by not voting, "the president's constituency is silenced."

Many had argued that the original rule disenfranchised a member of the council and prevented the voters who had elected him from being fully represented.

SEPTEMBER 6th - COUNCILOR FAUCETTE DECIDES TO LEAVE OFFICE

Councilor Joseph M. Faucette has announced he will not seek a second term, but added, his decision "absolutely does not rule out a future bid for office."

Faucette said he made the decision after he won the right to sit on the council through a Supreme Court ruling handed down in February.

He said he feels he does not have the time to devote to public office during the next two years because of his commitment to work, coaching athletic events, and his family.

SEPTEMBER 6th - COUNCILOR ASSAILS PLAN FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Councilor Kenneth Barnes today took issue with the town manager's claim that only a strip of sidewalk could be installed near the new junior high school for this year.

Barnes pointed out that both the School and Sidewalk & Safety Committees recommended \$36,400 for sidewalk construction around the new school. This was cut to \$12,000 by the town manager and when he submitted his capital improvement budget for sidewalk construction, it was reduced to \$10,000.

"Four months have passed since the money was allocated by the council, a new school year has started and the hazardous conditions still exist," Barnes explained. "The council has complied with Mr. Westman's requests in this area, but the manager has fallen short in his responsibility."

The \$10,000 allocation in the capital improvement budget is sufficient to remove the safety hazards on Springfield Street and for the sidewalk construction to the new school, Barnes added.

SEPTEMBER 11th - COUNCILOR RAPS UNCOVERED DUMP TRUCKS

Councilor Paul Fieldstad will ask the Town Council to require dump trucks using town streets to be covered.

Fieldstad said he recently saw trash blowing off trucks owned by Leger's Trucking Co. of West Springfield, a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc., operators of the town dump.

"We've got to make sure that trucks carrying loose materials do not make a mess of our streets," Fieldstad said.

SEPTEMBER 12th - POLICE POUNCE ON POT, HARVEST 200 POUNDS

Police have made no arrests in connection with

the confiscation of 200 pounds of marijuana at a local farm Monday.

Officers "harvested" the plants and used a truck to haul the pot to the police station. It will subsequently be destroyed, they said.

Police are withholding the address of the farm and name of its owner.

SEPTEMBER 17th - REGIONAL DUMP? AGAWAM HOLDS THE BEST CARDS

Agawam has the upper hand in the establishment of a regional dump. To get special concessions in the setting up and operation of a regional dump, Agawam will use all of its available leverage.

Because the sewage treatment plant will be located on Bondi's Island in Agawam and Springfield wants the regional dump there, too, Agawam sits in an enviable bargaining position.

The shared cost of construction for Agawam is \$400,000.

SEPTEMBER 17th - SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER DETAILED BY COMMITTEE

The Study Committee, which is proposing a \$453,000 senior citizens' center, presented an outline of the community's needs to Thurston Munson Associates, a Springfield architectural firm.

Andrew Gallano, local advisor from the state Department of Elder Affairs, said the architects are expected to have the outline translated into a building plan within 10 days.

The plans are the next step in the group's attempt to have the facility included in a housing for the elderly project off Main Street.

The five-member Study Committee includes Edward McMahon, chairman; Patricia Auth, senior center director; Roland Correveau, Housing Authority member; Claudia Torrey, president of the Golden Agers; and Frank Garde.

Obituaries

Helen G. Graves

Helen G. (Sekoski) Graves, 88, formerly of 464 Main Street and formerly of 414 Chestnut Street, Springfield, died last Thursday in a local nursing home.

She was a retired 14-year machine operator for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp., in East Hartford. She worked previously at the former U.S. Envelope Company for 18 years.

Born in Springfield, she lived in the city most of her life. She attended the former Springfield Technical High School. Her husband, Arthur A. Graves, died in 1970.

Mrs. Graves leaves a nephew, Robert A. Sekor of Longmeadow, and a sister-in-law, Marie R. Sekor of Springfield. The private funeral and burial at Springfield Cemetery were conducted on Monday, August 29th.

Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home was in charge, and memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Rita M. Duval

Rita M. (Langlois) Duval, 73, formerly of 83 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, a four-year employee of the Chez Josef Restaurant, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She had been a seamstress for 20 years at the former Carter's Coat Manufacturing Company in Springfield.

She was born and raised in St. Albans, Vermont, and lived in Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1972.

Her husband, Gerard L. Duval, died in 1992.

Mrs. Duval leaves a son, Ronald W. of Wilbraham; two sisters, Madonna Barrette of Swanton, Vermont, and Theresa Ouimette of Newington, Connecticut; and four grandchildren.

Another son, Lawrence J. Duval, died in 1989.

The funeral was held at Southwick Funeral Home and Our Lady of the Lake Church. Burial was at the convenience of the family at New Cemetery in Southwick.

IRS Says 55-Plus Crowd Can Get A Break

Taxpayers 55 years-old or older may be entitled to special tax treatment when it comes to the sale of their principal residence.

"Those that meet the necessary age, ownership, and use tests can exclude up to \$125,000 of

any gain on the sale of their principal residence," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Director.

The residence in this case may be a house, condominium, cooperative, houseboat, or mobile home.

In general terms, the requirements necessary before the gain can be excluded are:

- 1) the property owner is 55 years-old or older on the date of sale,
 - 2) during the five-year period prior to the date of the sale, the property owner owned and lived in his or her principal residence for at least three years, and
 - 3) the property owner, or his or her spouse, has never excluded gain on the sale of a home after July 26, 1978.
- Specific qualifiers apply to all of

these requirements.

More detailed information is available in IRS Publication 523, "Selling Your Home." To obtain this publication, free of charge, call 1-800-829-3676.

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Campaign '94

Keenan Committee Holds Reception At Alexander's Rest.

The Committee to Elect Dan Keenan State Representative stated recently that they were delighted with the impressive turnout at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Robert Molta, Keenan's campaign chairman, said, "Approximately 150 people attended a reception in honor of Dan Keenan on Thursday, August 25th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m."

Molta also stated, "The campaign is building momentum every day. Dan is a hard working candidate with the qualifications to make him very attractive to the voters."

The committee acknowledged, though, that Labor Day marks the start of the high profile campaign. Molta stated, "Dan Keenan and his supporters will be highly visible after Labor Day. We will be working extremely hard to elect Dan Keenan."

The Committee to Elect Dan Keenan would like to thank everyone who attended and those who sent in contributions.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE Daniel Keenan (center) and supporters gathered at Alexander's Restaurant last Thursday night for a reception. IN PHOTO BELOW, Keenan is pictured with J.J. McCarthy (left, standing) and Dr. Joseph P. Keenan. Front row - Milli Swain, Janis Phaneuf, and Noreen Poole. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE Daniel Keenan (D-Blanford) and his wife, Jill, at a campaign reception last Thursday night at Alexander's Restaurant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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STATE REP. CANDIDATE GEORGE BITZAS pledges to fully support initiatives that will benefit public schools in Massachusetts.

Bitzas Campaign Rallies At Bridge



STATE REP. CANDIDATE GEORGE BITZAS, vice-president of the Agawam Town Council, held a rally last Saturday at the Morgan/Sullivan Memorial Bridge. Many residents came out to hold campaign signs and show George their support. From left - Stratos Krommidas, Roger & Elaine Gumlaw and their children, Stephanie and Nick, Tom Tierney, Vincent Callahan, Janice DeFilipi, Kristian Tierney, George, Chris, and Peggy Bitzas, and Susan DeFilipi.

Bitzas Pledges That Public Education Is Top Priority

State Representative candidate George Bitzas pledged his continued support of public education in Massachusetts.

Bitzas said, "Being a teacher myself, and having three children in the public schools in Agawam, I realize the importance public education plays in shaping the future of our nation. I believe there is no more crucial role that government can fill than that of providing education to today's youth and tomorrow's leaders."

Bitzas strongly supports setting up a dedicated revenue stream to finance education reform in Massachusetts, and not placing the burden on communities who, in turn, must look to raise property taxes to pay the bill.

Bitzas said, "It is time that society evaluates the importance of education to make it our top funding priority. Our children need the best public schools and colleges to effectively compete in an ever growing global economy."

Bitzas continued, "I often speak with my wife, an elementary school teacher, and her colleagues about the role that the state must assume to improve our schools. Instead of placing the primary burden on the cities and towns, the state must assume a strong leadership position."

"The decisions will not be easy, but they must be made now to provide the framework for top quality education in the public schools and colleges throughout the Commonwealth."

Bitzas said in closing, "I have always strongly supported the Agawam Public Schools by providing much needed funding, advocating for increased space for learning, and donating my time to volunteer in the classroom."

"I plan to bring that same dedication and proven record of support for public education to Boston to work to make our public schools and colleges better. The children of the Third Hampden District deserve the best education that we can provide."

Taylor Promises To Hold Office Hours

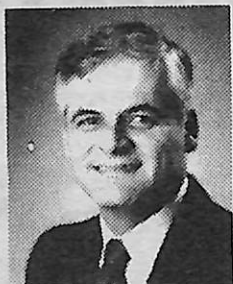
James D. Taylor, State Representative candidate and Agawam City Council president, said recently that he will remain in close contact with the people of the Third Hampden District by conducting office hours, sending out news releases, responding to constituent inquiries, and holding meetings with town officials.

Taylor asserted that the only way in which an elected official can really serve his constituency is by staying in touch with the people of the district.

Taylor said, "If I am elected on November 8th, I will truly represent the people of Agawam, Blandford, Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland. This is only possible if I keep in touch with them and know what they really need. I want the people of the district to know that I am available to them."

Taylor announced that he plans to reach out to the people of the district. "I won't make the people come to me for representation," he said. "I will go to them."

Taylor said that too many people get elected and then forget where they came from. "Being a life long resident of Agawam, I guarantee this will not be the case if I am elected in November."



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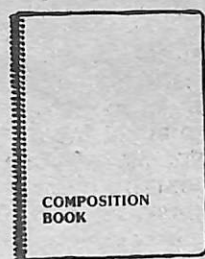
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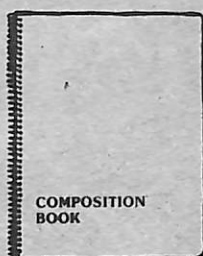
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Taylor Meets With Southwick Republicans



THERE WAS NO DOUBT about who Corey Seibert was supporting at the Republican Town Committee Picnic held at the Lake George Sportsman Club.

Taylor Committee To Meet Sept. 2nd

The Taylor Committee to elect James D. Taylor for State Representative will meet September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road in Agawam.

Jim Taylor works for you. He hears you. If you have questions concerning local and state government, you may want to stop by on committee night. Mr. Taylor will be available to answer your questions.

The Taylor Committee can be reached at 786-0300. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



SOUTHWICK REPUBLICANS held their Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 21st at the Lake George Sportsman Club. Seated, from left - Kris Seibert, Corey Seibert, Phyllis Dunn, and Florial Garcia. Standing - State Rep. Candidate James D. Taylor (R-Agawam), Republican Town Committee Chairman Russell Fox, and Charles Wolfe.

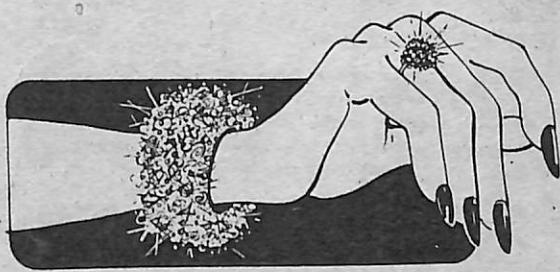
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Bitzas Will Promote More Public Transit

Citing the growing number of older citizens and persons covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) who require van service, City Councilor George Bitzas vowed to increase state funding for public transit if elected as State Representative.

Bitzas stated, "Public transportation is essential to keeping our older citizens independent and living in our community. For many, van service is the only method of getting to doctors' appointments, doing grocery shopping, or conducting any private business.

"Public transportation is good for seniors, good for persons with disabilities, improves traffic congestion, and helps to maintain the environment," continued Bitzas. "To say that three vans for a town the size of Agawam is adequate is ridiculous. While our Senior Center does a wonderful job of providing transportation given its resources, the state's effort in this area must be doubled," said Bitzas.

"I care for an elderly parent and I know firsthand the difficulties of families in these predicament. Van service is one way of alleviating those difficulties."

George Bitzas resides at 33 Fernwood Drive. He is Vice President of the Agawam Town Council and a candidate for the Third Hampden County State Representative seat now held by Michael Walsh of Agawam, who is not seeking reelection.

Bitzas Committee Says Public Welcome In

George Bitzas has announced his campaign headquarters will be open Tuesday and Sunday nights from 7:00 to 9:00.

Bitzas and his committee invite anyone that has questions or concerns to stop by. The headquarters is located at 868 Springfield Street.

Anyone that would like to help with George Bitzas' campaign for State Representative of the Third Hampden District is welcome.

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George Bitzas's QUALIFICATIONS

Education

- Graduated from Westfield State College and Holyoke Community College with honors
- Taught at West Springfield Junior and Senior High Schools
- Principal and Teacher at Greek School, St. George Cathedral, Springfield, Mass.
- Instructor of evening course at Westfield State College
- Graduated from Greek Army Academy of Officers
- Served as Second Lieutenant, Greek Army

Community

- Massachusetts American Legion
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- Resident of Agawam for the last 15 years
- Member of the Friends of the Agawam
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- Senior Center Volunteer
- Member of St. George Cathedral,
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- Church Volunteer
- Agawam Beautification Committee
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Government

- Vice-President, Agawam Town Council, 2 years to present
- Agawam Town Councilor, 5 years
- Chairman, License Committee, 3 years
- Member, License Committee, 5 years
- Member, Ordinance Committee, 5 years
- Member, Zoning Review Committee, 5 years
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Michael J. Ashe, Jr.
Sheriff, Hampden County

"George stands above all other councilors with his many hours of hard work for the betterment of our town and its people. His dedication and integrity to the issues and causes that he firmly believes in have made him an asset to our community."

Christopher Johnson
Agawam Mayor
Agawam Advertiser News, Sept. 23, 1993

"George Bitzas is hard-working and honest. He has made a solid contribution to his community. I am pleased to lend him my support."

William H. Bennett
District Attorney, Hampden County

"George Bitzas is a conscientious, tenacious and hard-working city counselor who always places the needs of the Town of Agawam and its residents on the top of his list of priorities. He is a fighter, a champion for the people and doesn't take no for an answer when it comes to getting things done for the Town of Agawam."

Linda Melconian
State Senator

"George is a very honest, conscientious, hard-working and caring person - just the right qualifications to make him a very honest, conscientious, hard-working State Representative. How fortunate we are to have someone with all these necessary attributes!"

Barbara Dunn
Chair, Agawam Democratic
Committee/Teacher

"From my involvement with him in many youth activities, I know that George cares about this area that he chose to live in and raise a family. He has been good for Agawam and will be good for the entire district."

William T. Walsh, Jr.
Attorney

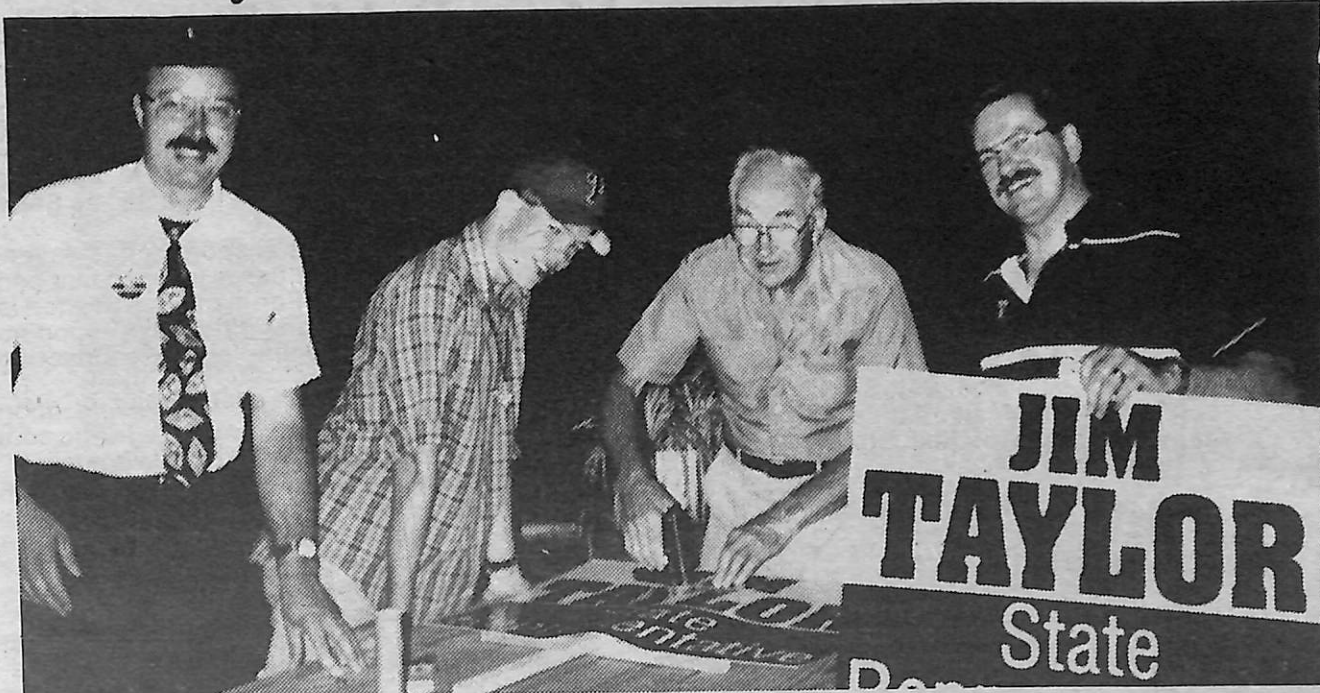
"As your State Representative, I believe that George will continue to serve his constituents with the same integrity he has exhibited during his political career."

Linda Galarneau
Vice Chairperson,
Agawam School Committee

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Campaign '94 - continued...

Taylor Committee Gets Signs Ready...



SIGN OF THE TIMES: State Rep. Candidate James D. Taylor (R-Agawam) gets help building campaign signs from committee members Jeff McCormick, Frederick Sanford, and Mark McCormick.

Taylor Meets At Tuckahoe Turf Farms



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Candidate James D. Taylor, president of the Agawam Town Council, met last Monday at Tuckahoe Turf property with Conservation Commission members and the Route 57 environmental consultants. From left - Taylor, Commissioners Fred Flatham, Mark Siegars, Joseph Libuda of Storch Engineers, and commission Chairman Henry Kozloski. The meeting addressed wetland delineation for Phase II of the new highway.

Keenan Receives Another Endorsement From Trade Union

The Massachusetts Building Trades Council has endorsed the candidacy of Democrat Daniel Keenan of Blandford for state representative in the Third Hampden District in the state's September 20th primary.

Joseph Dart, president of the 60,000 member Massachusetts Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO, stated, "On August 11th, 1994, the executive board, unanimously expressed their appreciation for your support of the working men and women across the Commonwealth."

Keenan said he was very pleased about receiving this endorsement. "I wish to thank the Massachusetts Building Trades Council for their confidence in my ability to serve the people of Massachusetts," said Keenan.

"Endorsements such as this continue to give my campaign the momentum needed as we enter the home stretch," Keenan added.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Secondary Aeration Upgrade
LOCATION: Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, Route 5, Agawam, MA
PROPOSER: City of Springfield

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before August 31, 1994. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", G.L. c. 30, secs. 61, 62-62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Mr. George Romano (413) 787-6256

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Springfield, MA and Agawam, MA, where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for twenty days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, Attention: MEPA Unit, referencing the above project.

By Philip H. Pike
Director of Public Works
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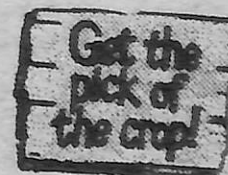
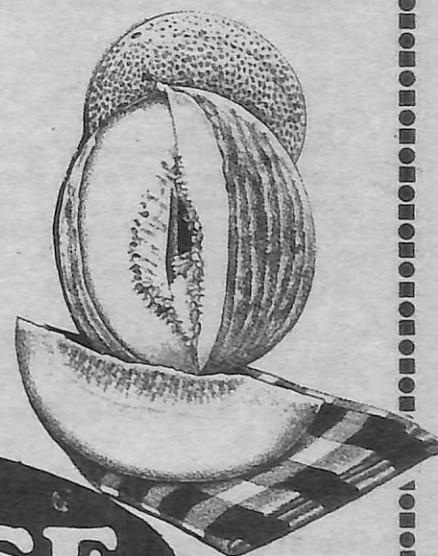
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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 8, 1994 at 7:15 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Impoco for property located on North Westfield Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

Published: September 1, 1994

Rep. Walsh Happy About Bill Releasing Needed Highway Funds

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced recently that the Massachusetts House and Senate enacted House 5251, the Transportation Bond Bill. The \$2.4 billion bond authorization was signed into law August 23rd.

Highlights of the bill include:

- * \$1.7 billion for federal highway projects
 - * \$28 million for state police cruisers and upgrading telecommunications
 - * \$252 million for safety, maintenance, and resurfacing of state roads
 - * \$2.7 million for Municipal Salt Storage Sheds
- The bond authorization also funds \$1.3 million for the vitally important Westfield Street project in Agawam. This project, critical as an adjunct to the Route 57 project, is necessary to upgrade the existing road system to accommodate the increase

in traffic flow.

"Agawam has been eagerly anticipating the continued funding of this sorely needed road project," Walsh said. "When completed, this project will allow phase one of Route 57 to open."

Not included in the Transportation Bond bill were the Chapter 90 road monies. These funds were approved earlier in the month in the Capital Outlay Budget, Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994.

Under Chapter 85, Agawam will receive \$1,028,160 over a two-year period. The town of Southwick will receive \$521,960. These monies are reimbursements for funds expended by cities and towns on road projects.

"The authorization of these funds are crucial to city and town road projects so that they can take advantage of the current construction season," Walsh stated.



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Harold Walker Named GOP "Man Of Year" By Town Committee

The Agawam Republican Town Committee is proud to sponsor a testimonial honoring Harold Walker as the 1994 Republican of the Year.

A cold/hot hors d'oeuvres buffet will be held October 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Tickets are \$20. Reservations may be obtained by contacting Louise Mattoon at 789-0193.

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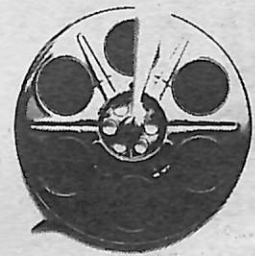


REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS, from left - Jessie D. Fuller, Virginia Lake, Rita Moore, and Louise Mattoon are planning the testimonial for fellow GOP member Harold Walker on October 13th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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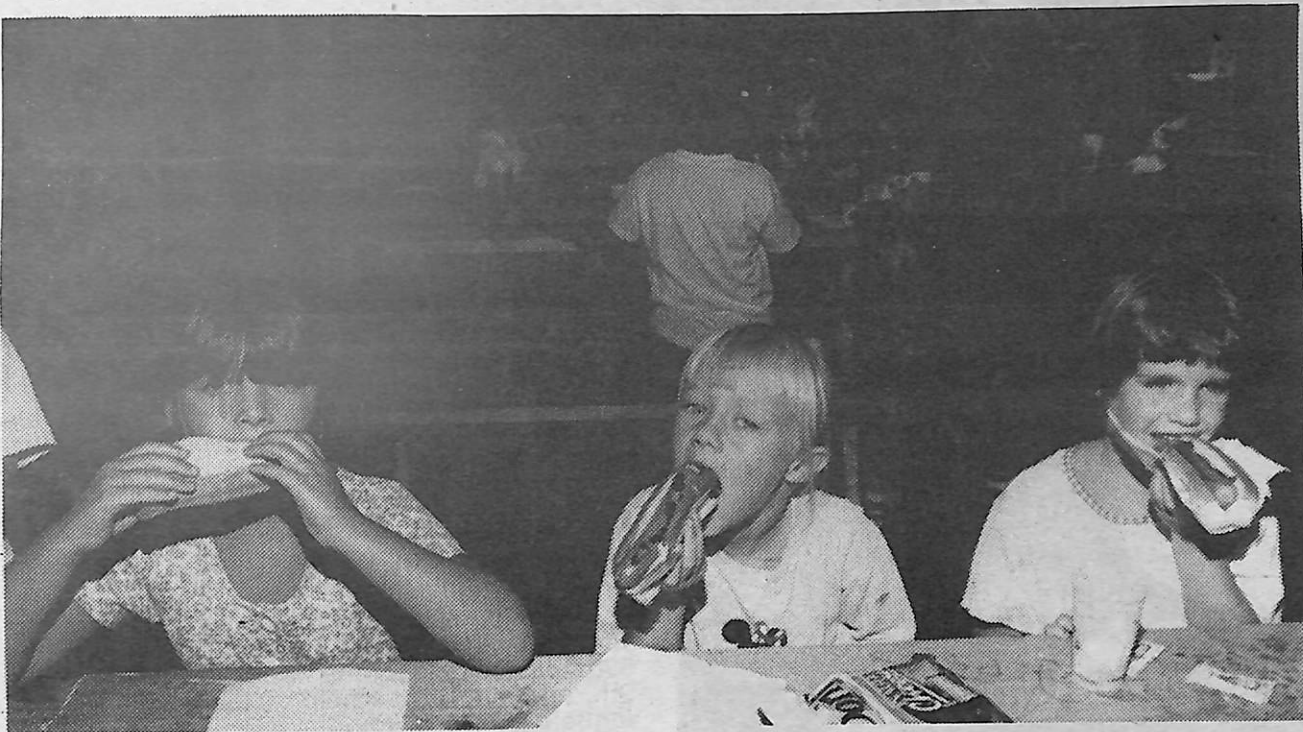


Families

Lions Come Thru For Perry Lane Park



ONCE AGAIN AGAWAM LIONS CLUB members treated campers at Perry Lane Park in Agawam to a picnic a few days before the official end of summer camp. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Jack Kunasek, Parks & Recreation director; Joe Ferrari, Jim Votzak, Matt Blackak, John Conroy, and Tom Dacey. IN PHOTO BELOW enjoying their hot dogs are Angela Mancini, Erika Morrissey, and Jennifer Bessette. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Family Fun Day At Forest Park Will Help Local United Way

With more than 3,500 people attending last year's Family Fun Day the Community United Way will once again officially begin, in a not-so-official way, its 1994 fundraising campaign with Family Fun Day in Forest Park on September 11th from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Family Fun Day is the first in a week-long series of events the local organization has planned to kick off its 1994 fundraising season.

Combining all-day entertainment and information, Family Fun Day's full schedule of activities includes Michaelangelo, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle; A-Ray of Elvis (Ray Guilmet of Chicopee); free pony rides; Borderline, a country western band; a magic show; The Jazz Street Quartet; costumed characters; dancing; games; lots of clowns; and more than 40 Community United Way and non-Community United Way agency booths displaying information on programs.

Organizers of the event said each participating agency intends to provide a fun hands-on activity for kids such as miniature golf, bean-bag toss, face painting, or storytelling.

According to Kimberley Lee, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, events like Family Fun Day bring the local organization closer to the community.

"Events like our Family Fun Day help us reach out and engage the community in a way that's fun, entertaining, and hopefully educational. The biggest challenge for us is educating people about the work of our agencies. It's important that the community understand what we do and how significant that work really is," said Lee.

Lee added that after a \$2 park admission fee, \$3 for out of state cars, all activities at Family Fun Day are free so that all residents, regardless of economic circumstances, have the opportunity to spend an afternoon together with family, friends, and neighbors.

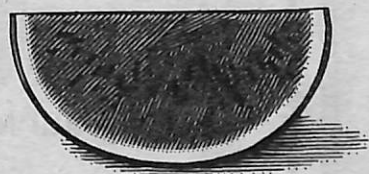
People are invited to bring a picnic lunch or may purchase food at the park from special concession stands provided by White Glove Caterers of Chicopee.

The cost to bring Family Fun Day to the community was underwritten by several local organizations: American Saw & Manufacturing Company; Bank of Boston; BayBank; Baystate Health Systems; Bay State Gas Company; MassMutual Life Insurance Company; Milton Bradley Company; Monsanto Company; Springfield Institution for Savings; Southworth Company; and Tambrands.

For more information, call Harriet Fortin at the Community United Way at 413-737-2691.

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Country Estates Discharges First Resident



COUNTRY ESTATES OF AGAWAM, a 164-bed skilled nursing and rehab center located at 1200 Suffield Street, celebrates the discharge of Charles Knudson. Charles was injured on June 18th. During his stay at Country Estates, Charles received physical, occupational, and speech therapy which enabled him to return home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nail Care Day At Heritage Hall



GIVING HERITAGE HALL Nursing Home residents Antoinetta DeAngelo and Lillian Campbell manicures on Nail Care Day on August 25th are Laurie Provost (front) and Brenda Marsian. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Nominations Are Being Accepted For Gallano Award

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee is currently seeking nominations for its annual award, which is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include—but not be limited to—the following:

- * Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- * Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- * Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- * Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To nominate an individual for this prestigious award, fill out a sheet of paper with the following information: the nominee's name, address, and the date on which you are submitting this information. In addition, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam.

Then, at the bottom of the sheet, please put your name and phone number (this information, however, is not necessary and if given, will be kept confidential). When completed, send this sheet of paper to:

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee
c/o The Council on Aging
68 Meadowbrook Manor
Agawam, MA 01001-3128

Please be sure to send this nomination to the above address no later than September 9, 1994.

Robert A. Benson Enlists In Army's Delayed Program

Robert A. Benson, son of Jerry Dennis of Feeding Hills and Jane Dennis of Feeding Hills, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program (DEP), and will report for active duty September 28th.

The Agawam High School graduate will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He has chosen the position of Administrative Specialist as his military occupational specialty, and has volunteered to serve a four-year tour of duty.

Staff Sgt. James Noel of the Springfield recruiting station assisted Benson in his enlistment.

Commerce High Class Of '44 To Hold 50th Reunion

The High School of Commerce's classes of January and June 1944 are planning to hold their 50th reunion gala for the weekend of October 8th, 9th, and 10th, to be held at the downtown Springfield Sheraton Hotel.

If you have not already been contacted or know of any class members living out of our area, please contact: Elsie Casanova Haroshevsky, 567-3685; Dorothy Fortune Kenyon, 782-2105; or Ruth Burger Thyberg, 789-4483.



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JEAN HOWE (left), representing George & Green Real Estate of Agawam, presents Rose-Marie Slosek, acting reference librarian of the Agawam Public Library, with three new videos about buying and selling your home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

George & Green Donates Videos

Jean Howe of George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. recently donated three new videos, "Buying A Home," "The Seller's Role," and "Pricing To Sell," to the Agawam Public Library.

The videos will be available to all residents in the "self-help" collection at the library. "Buying A Home" discusses what you should know before you look at houses. "The Seller's Role" discusses what your role and responsibilities as a homeowner are in getting your home sold. "Pricing To Sell" discusses what factors most determine the price at which your home will sell.

Jean lives in Feeding Hills and can be reached at the Agawam office of George & Green Real Estate, 789-3985, if you have any questions about the videos or your real estate needs.

Agawam Lioness Slate 1st Meeting Of '94-'95 Club Year

On Tuesday, September 6th, the Agawam Lioness Club will have its first meeting of the year at the Agawam Lions Den, West Springfield, on The Big E grounds.

The meeting is will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Discussion of the upcoming Big E is planned. If you would like to get involved in helping or would like to find out more about the Lioness Club, please join in at this meeting. Coffee and dessert will be served.

For more information, call Rosemarie Kieffer at 786-5134 or Rosemarie Maniscalco at 786-8461.

Entertain At Heritage



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (South Building residents) were recently entertained by piano and song by Kelton Kleinman, a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Joceyn Desrochers, and Gregg Johnson, also of the Church of Jesus Christ. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Airman Kurt Shouse Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Kurt V. Shouse has graduated from Air Force basic training at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Shouse is the son of Dana L. Shouse of 227 Maple Street, Agawam.

He is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School.

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A Healthy Cafe Set Up At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (East Building residents) are treated to a "Healthy Hydrates Cafe" each month. From left - Jeff Henize, Molly Yacavone, and Lenny Dupuis make the healthy concoctions. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Balbonis Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of 32 Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield, recently observed their 25th wedding anniversary with a visit to the Lighthouse Inn at West Dennis on Cape Cod.

The couple were married August 2, 1969 at St. Ann's Church in West Springfield.

They are the parents of three children: Andrea, a Mount Holyoke College student who is spending her junior year of college studying abroad at the University of Rome in Italy; and twins Marc and Monica, freshmen at Fairfield University and Boston College, respectively.

Mr. Balboni is a social worker with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. His wife, the former Mae Sartori, is a teacher in the Springfield school system.

Mr. Balboni is the son of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of Agawam, and the late Mr. Balboni.

Gift Shop Expanded At Forest Park Zoo

The greatly expanded Gift Shop at Springfield's Zoo in Forest Park is filled with inexpensive items that make great gifts for people of all ages. Among the items for sale are miniature dinosaurs, stuffed animals, t-shirts, gemstones, and zoo posters.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society noted that, as a special incentive between now and September 25th, persons making Gift Shop purchases of just \$10 or more and will be reimbursed the \$3 zoo adult admission cost.

Hence, Hodgman noted, while purchasing great gifts, one can tour the lively zoo, meet Bandy the bear, Asia the South American cougar, and nearly 200 other animals at no cost.

For further information about the Zoo in Forest Park and its Gift Shop, call (413) 733-2251 in Springfield.



MARCIE COOGAN

Marcie Coogan Wins Preteen Photogenic

Eleven year-old Marcie Lynn Coogan was crowned Miss Pioneer Valley Preteen Photogenic winner at the Westfield Fair Pageant on August 21st.

Marcie competed and placed in modeling formal wear, casual wear, and costume, and performed a lyrical dance in talent competition.

She has been doing very well and holds several other pageant titles. Marcie has been dancing and modeling for six years and loves it.

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Forastiere Family Has Grief Workshop

The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes will be offering their bi-annual "Grief Workshop" series for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one, on Mondays, September 12th, 19th, 26th, and October 3rd from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at the Westfield Evangelical Free Church, 568 Southwick Road (Route 202) in Westfield.

The series was designed exclusively by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes as part of their "OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" emotional support program for people following the death of loved ones.

Lila Forastiere, Grief Counselor, developed the workshop seven years ago and has conducted it twice each year ever since. It has enjoyed continual growth and acclaim, having aided hundreds of bereaved people in our communities.

The focus of the workshop is to help bereaved people understand themselves and their families during the grief process, learn ways to cope with their daily living, and look toward their futures with renewed hope.

The Grief Workshop is a four-session series, with each session building upon the previous one. During each segment, Lila discusses different aspects of the grieving experience. Because there is so much information she wishes to share, the workshop is designed in a lecture format; participants need only to listen.

Of course they are encouraged to ask questions or to comment if they wish, but they are not asked to share their personal stories, nor are they required to talk at all. Lila requests that participants do only what is comfortable. This is not a "support group" where there is group sharing for support, but rather more like a lecture series. [The "sharing of experience" format is very helpful and is offered monthly through several support groups].

The first session lays the groundwork for the series. "Grief" is discussed from a historical perspective and is defined in the context of a life's experience. During the second session, Forastiere shares many "theories" about bereavement.

"Looking at the grief process from many different angles is important for us to understand our own individual experience," she states.

The third segment explores the physical affects and effects of the grief experience—grief is not an emotional "malady." There are very real, physical REASONS WHY people feel the way they do; and there are very important, tangible physical things that can be done to help oneself through this time when health is at risk.

The fourth week explores the meaning of the death of the loved one to an individual's world view - personally philosophy, spiritually, life's experience, etc.; and offers suggestions for working WITH the grief rather than AGAINST it.

Forastiere stresses that "understanding is a key to a healthy journey through grief; it's the important first step. The workshop can't take away the pain, but it often softens that pain and lessens its duration."

This program, as are all "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" programs, is offered by Forastiere Family Funeral Homes as a courtesy, free of charge, to anyone in the community who is grieving a death.

Mrs. Forastiere urges anyone who is grieving a loss of less than two years to take advantage of this community service program. She suggests that participants be beyond three months of bereavement. Pre-registration is required. Call 733-5311 to register.

Feeding Hills Women's Club To Meet Sept. 7th

The first meeting of the 1994-1995 season of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

The program will be "Ghosts In Agawam And Feeding Hills," which will be presented by Marilyn Curry.

New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served by Marjorie Taylor and her committee.

For copies of his photos in this edition, contact Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Stanley Park Again Holding Workshop

Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series will feature special guest speaker Corinne Willard on Saturday, September 17th, in the sheltered pavilion, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Willard will present "History of the Garden Seed Trade," a unique perspective of the garden seed trade of the past. The program includes the history of old seed companies, heirloom seed varieties, and how industry changes through the years. This program is free of charge.

Willard has a B.S. degree in Horticulture from the University of Connecticut, and M.Sc. degree in Floriculture from Ohio State University, Columbus. Her lifetime so far has been spent in horticultural endeavors, retiring from the presidency of Comstock, Ferre & Co. in 1991.

For 12 years, Willard was the horticultural consultant for the company radio program, "Gardentime" on WTIC. Willard has received numerous honors for her work for horticultural and civic organizations, both locally and nationally.

For further information on Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series, call the Park office at 413-568-9312.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 15, 1994 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Chapter 180, Article X, Section 180-60B and Chapter 180, Article XI, Section 180-66D. A copy of the proposed amendment can be viewed or obtained from the Agawam Planning Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

By Order of the Agawam Planning Board
Charles Calabrese, Chairman
Published: September 1, 1994

LEGAL NOTICE

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 5th: Labor Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, September 6th: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, oatmeal bread, fresh peach.

Wednesday, September 7th: Meatloaf w/gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, canned pears.

Thursday, September 8th: Chicken a la king in toast cup, white rice, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, pineapple chunks.

Friday, September 9th: Baked fish, oven fries, broccoli & cauliflower, rye bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Pheasant Hill Social Club To Hold Annual Picnic

The Pheasant Hill Social Club will hold its annual picnic on September 7th at Stanley Park in Westfield from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Delicious food will be served. Games will follow the meal.

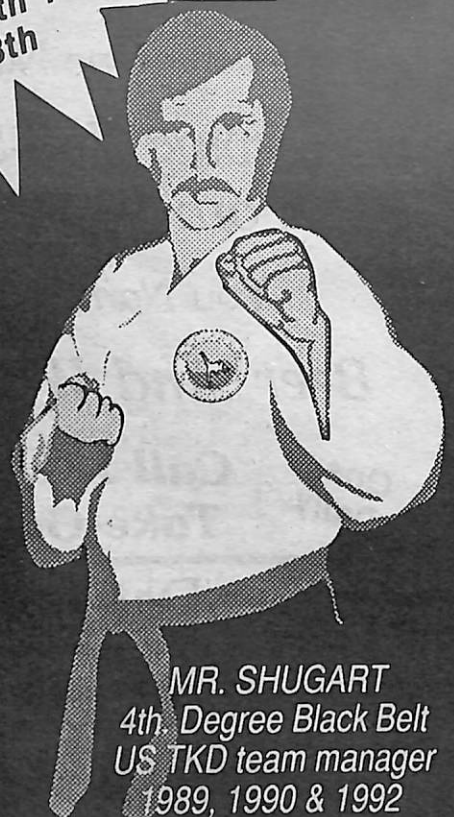
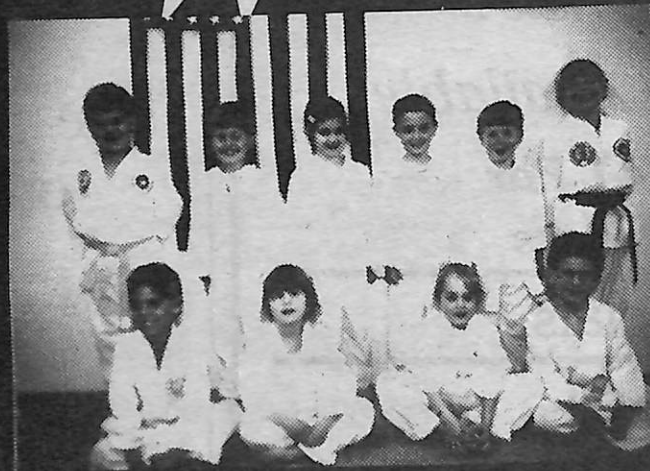
On Friday, September 9th, the monthly meeting will be held in the Skylark Room at 7:00 p.m. A pizza party will be held after the meeting.

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Estate Planning At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an "ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR" program to be presented on Tuesday, September 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library.

This lecture-discussion will be led by Attorney Gary P. Shannon of the firm Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury, and Murphy P.C. of Springfield.

Topics to be covered will include an overview of basic terms and concepts, probate procedure, wills, testamentary trust of benefit of children, durable power of attorney, health care proxy, elderly homestead act, an overview of estate taxes, and a discussion of Medicaid. Sample forms will also be distributed to those attending this seminar.

Attorney Gary P. Shannon is a resident of Feeding Hills, and holds a B.A. from Bates College and received his J.D. from Washington and Lee University Law School. Gary specializes in Estate Planning, Estate Administration, Probate and Estate Litigation, Family Law, and Land Use.

This "Estate Planning Seminar" is a free program and is open to adults of all ages residing in Agawam or Feeding Hills. If you are interested in attending this program, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1994 at 6:35 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of RICHARD E. DUNN, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-69, Paragraph G 5 and Section 180-71 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot that was found to lie within the Flood Plain at the premises identified as LOT 3 A, WARREN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron, Acting Chairman

Published: September 1, 1994

Nancy Rainbow Shaer To Be Special Guest Of Ag. Garden Club

The Agawam Garden Club will meet September 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. The program will feature Nancy 'Rainbow N S' Shaer, master gardener/master herbalist, author/illustrator/herbalist/photographer.

People call her Medicine Woman and Earth Mother because she is so balanced and centered with all of nature. With her curly, light brown hair and hazel eyes, Shaer, or Rainbow as she is called, is hardly the usual picture of an American Indian.

That's the legacy of her Irish mother. Her father was a Cherokee from North Carolina. Both her Cherokee and Irish grandmothers were strong medicine women who taught her mother and her the ways of plants as food and medicine.

Shaer is the founder and president of Eclectical Service League (a non-profit organization) which published the cookbook *Easy & Elegant*, including celebrities and restaurants of distinction (sponsored by the Agawam Lions with proceeds used for community projects for both handicapped/non-handicapped together).

She was inventor of the Serendipity Wishing Box® (dealing with metaphysics) and her most recent books, *Billy Frog Adventures - Spiritual Wisdom Of A Native American*, supported in part by a grant from the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, and *Rainbow's Philosophy*.

For the past 16 years, she has been sharing with the public, through talks and other programs, the spirit of her Cherokee heritage, a heritage based on community and respect for the earth and all its creatures.

This evening, she will share the story of the drum, drumming, and singing and will even tell us how this can keep us healthy!

The public is invited. Join the club members for an evening of fun and laughter as well as a new learning experience about our Native people today.

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For further information, contact Denise Carmody, Garden Club president, at 786-7783.



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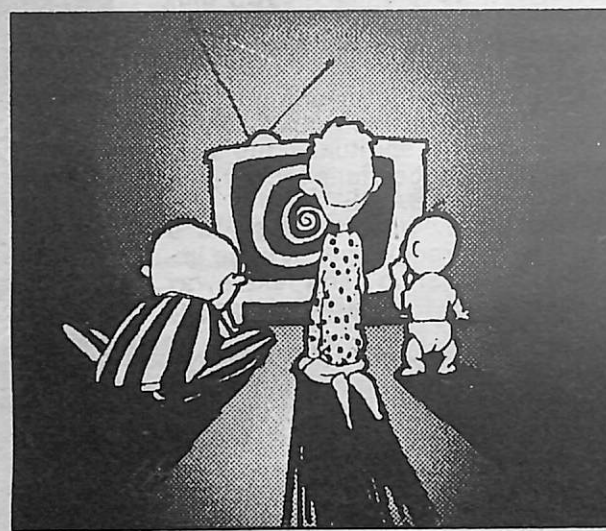
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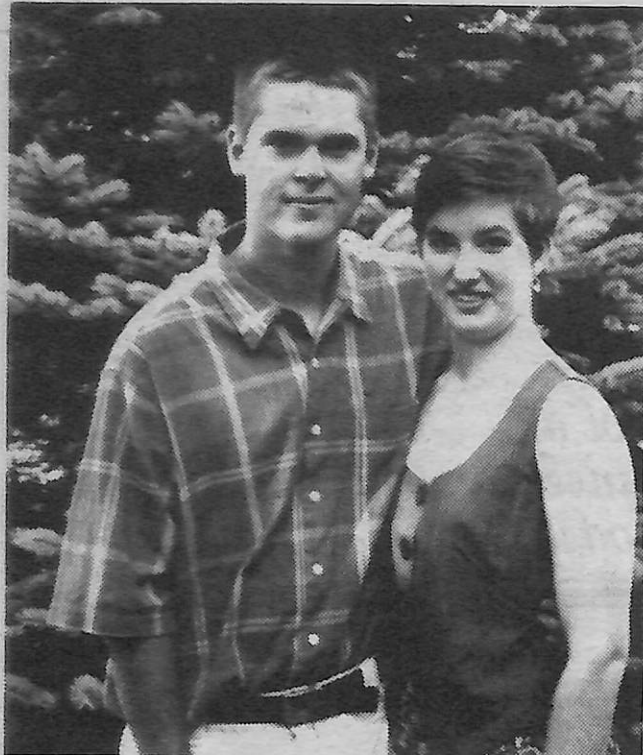
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Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Martin of 352 Adams Street, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Leigh to Peter Michael Colfer, son of Robert & Jean Colfer of Bath, Maine.

The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School and the University of Maine, Orono, with a bachelor's degree in bassoon performance. She is currently pursuing her master's of music in bassoon at the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford.

Her fiancé graduated from Morse High School, Bath, Maine. He is employed by Robert Baker Companies in West Suffield, Connecticut.

A November 1994 wedding is being planned.

Parents' Group Of Work Opportunity Ctr. To Hold Tag Sale

The annual tag sale sponsored by the Parents' Group of the Work Opportunity Center will be held on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., next to Starzic's Pride Service Station, 1672 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. (Rain date is Sunday, September 11th.)

Any donations of good, saleable items will be gladly accepted, as well as any leftover tag sale items. Call 732-4625, 569-6235, or 1-413-357-8557.

Jr. Women's Club Membership Tea Set For Sept. 8th

It's here! Thursday, September 8th at the Agawam Public Library at 7:00 p.m., the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be hosting a membership tea.

The Junior Women's Club looks forward to meeting new people interested in the Agawam community. The organization has over 40 active members who participate in many projects, large and small.

Some projects are for fun, while others are to raise funds for our elderly, needy, scholarly, and for special programs such as DARE and MADD. If you are a team player, this is the club for you.

On Thursday, find out more about the club. Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam. Members will be available to answer questions and discuss club activities.

If you cannot attend, call Sue Hoague, membership chairwoman, at 786-2928.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Sidewalk Drawing At Heritage Hall For Aspiring Artists

Students between the age of six and 17 are invited to participate in a sidewalk drawing contest held during Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's Harvest Day Festival, Sunday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The actual contest will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with prizes presented at 2:00 p.m. Amateur artists will have a sidewalk block to create their own chalk design. Cash prizes will be given according to age: six through nine; 10 through 13; and 14 through 17.

For information or to sign up, contact Brenda Marsian at 786-8000.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield was the setting of the recent wedding of Tammie Orlando and Paul Yacovone.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orlando of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Domenico Yacovone of Springfield.

Karen Larrivee attended the bride as maid of honor. Nick Gioscia served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School. The groom graduated from Cathedral High School. The couple both graduated from Western New England College in Springfield.

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Agawam Senior Games Athletes Conducting Membership Drive

There have been requests from local athletes and yes, out-of-towners, as to how to become a member of A.S.G.A. (Agawam Senior Games Athletes).

The Board of Directors welcomes new members to join, as they feel the comradery within the group is exceptional, fun, and productive. The requirements to become a member are: you must be 55 years or over, and a resident of Agawam. If you are not an athlete, you can become one.

To find out how to choose a sport to compete in the games, you are invited to attend the next A.S.G.A. meeting—which will be held on Thursday, September 8th, at 10:00 a.m.—or call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Department.

Jr. Women's Club Making Plans For Holiday Gift Baskets

Good news! Stop & Shop has formed an alliance with the Agawam Junior Women's Club to aid in fighting hunger in the Town of Agawam. Employees of Stop & Shop raise funds from bake sales and carnivals, then donate food items to the club throughout the year.

The club annually prepares Christmas and Thanksgiving food and gift baskets to shut-ins and to those in need to brighten up their holiday season. The alliance with Stop & Shop will make this project easier to deliver spirit and good cheer to as many children as possible.

This is one of the many projects that the Junior Women's Club does in the course of a year to serve the community.

If you are a caring person and would like to be involved in this wonderful project, please call Sue Hoague at 786-2928 and ask about membership. The club looks forward to meeting you at the Membership Tea to be held September 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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Love you,
Jessica, Corey, Reachyl
& Joelene

Agawam Cultural Council Planning Trip To New York City For December 10th

The Agawam Cultural Council will have a New York City bus trip on Saturday, December 10th. Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to council member Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Please make the check payable to the Agawam Cultural Council. The tickets will be returned in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. The price per person is \$18 and is non-refundable.

Departure time will be at 6:25 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot. This will allow

sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

The bus will stop at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, Rockefeller Center, Times Square (theater ticket booths), 34th Street Macy's, and the 14th Street South Street Seaport.

Time and place of departure from New York will be 6:30 p.m. from Rockefeller Center. There will be no stops on the trip down or back; bring your own snacks. Arrival home at Agawam High School will be approximately 9:30 p.m.

If there are any questions, please call Linda Lazarus at 786-2335.

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Church News



From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Wasting Time With Our Children

Several years ago, the Rand Group did some research into the amount of time parents spend with their children. The conclusion of the study indicates that, by and large, parents no longer have time to 'waste' with their kids anymore.

Instead, we make appointments to get together with them, or we make promises about special events that we often don't fulfill. Hallmark Cards has recognized this situation, and has created a line of cards for busy parents, featuring lines like, "I wish I was here to tuck you into bed," "Sorry, I'm not here with you," and so on.

Parents are busy people today, and so perhaps we feel a sense of relief now that our children are heading off to school again. However, as they board the bus, freeing us from having to care for them all day during the summer, we need to consider how we can be available to our kids as much as we can, so we'll be ready to listen to them when they need to talk.

Can we be "on call" with our children, including "on call" at work? Is there a realistic "open door" policy with our children, wherever we are? Are they really a top priority for us, or only a burden to be "dealt with"?

Jesus, not a parent himself, nonetheless had this kind of "open door" policy with children. Even a casual reading of his typical day indicated that

He was as busy as any one of us (see Mark 1:21-39). And yet, when His disciples sought to remove from Him the "distraction" of children, He said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14).

Do we let our children come to us, or do we put them off, telling them to wait until a better time or day? Christian Psychologist Armand Nicolai states that when parents don't spend regular time with their kids, the children interpret it as rejection, which, over time, becomes resentment, then hostility, and ultimately, open rebellion. This is an all too common cycle. Unfortunately, most parents only take real notice of their children during the rebellion stage, when it's often too late.

We can break the cycle earlier by resolving now, as the school year begins, to spend both quality and quantity time with our children. This may not be easy, because our children are busy, too: adolescents in particular are heavily involved in school, friends, and various activities, and don't necessarily express interest in being with us. However, research and experience shows that children, teenagers included, **do** want us to hang out with them as much as possible.

If we're going to spend quantity and quality time with our children, we parents will need to learn to say "no" to some things, including some seemingly good, "essential" things. However, many of those things will be there, waiting for us in the future, whereas our children will not be.

Charles Francis Adams was an important national leader and diplomat in the 19th century. Both he and his son kept diaries, and years later, their personal records were compared. One entry in the father's diary reads: "Went fishing with my son today. A day wasted." His son's diary, written on the same day, tells a far different story: "Went fishing with my father. The most wonderful day of my life."

Much of what we take for granted as valuable time with our kids, they will value immensely.

Let's learn how to "waste time" with our children, as Jesus does with His children, including you and me.

Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

Our Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, September 4th; this is the last Sunday for the 9:30 a.m. Service. Next Sunday, September 11th, there will be two Special Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate our 175th Anniversary.

Rev. Fuller's sermon for this Sunday is "They Labored Not In Vain?" (James 1:17-27).

Beginning September 18th, service resumes the fall schedule at 10:30 a.m. with Church School at 9:15 a.m. for seventh through 12th grade and adults, and at 10:30 a.m. for Crib Room through sixth grade.

"Christian Basics," a Primer for Pilgrims, continues at 8:30 a.m. this Sunday, September 4th. "What's life all about? Is it worth trying to do right? What is right? Can we believe in anything? Yes we can!"

Dorothy and Gabe Fackre are the positive and optimistic authors of this study. The four-week study will conclude on September 18th, when Gabe will be our guest at the class and Guest Preacher that morning.

Our church's 175th Anniversary is September 9th, 10th, 11th, and 18th.

The celebration begins on Friday, September 9th, with a Music Festival, which will include a Hymn Sing, the Golden Bell Ringers and Junior Choir, and an Anniversary Dance with music from the times.

On Saturday, September 10th, we will have a Parade and Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with pony rides, clowns, games, and food. Admission for the Carnival is canned goods for the Open Pantry or elbow macaroni for Loaves & Fishes. There is an Anniversary Dinner that night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available in the church office; there are only 200 tickets available, so get yours early!

On Sunday, September 11th, there will be two Special Worship Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and a special coffee hour with an Anniversary Cake.

On Sunday, September 18th, we will have a Guest Preacher for our Worship Service. The Rev. Gabriel Fackre is Abbot Professor of Christian Theology at Andover Newton Theological School. He is also the author of several books, including "Christian Basics, A Primer for Pilgrims" and "The Christian Story." All are welcome to attend this special service.

St. John's Welcomes New Church Members

St. John the Evangelist Church has welcomed five new members into the church.

On Sunday, August 28th, the following individuals were baptized by Father Howard McCormick: **Connor Molly Anderson**, son of David and Linda Anderson; **Sarah Elizabeth Anderson**, daughter of William and Sandra Anderson; **Jesse Raymond Armfield**, son of Albert and Norma Arm-

field; **Nathan Scott Kantor**, son of Bryan and Brenda Kantor; and **Tiffany Marie Redmond**, daughter of Clifton and Patricia Redmond.

The "Over 60" club of St. John's will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Thursday, September 15th, at 1:30 p.m. in the parish center.

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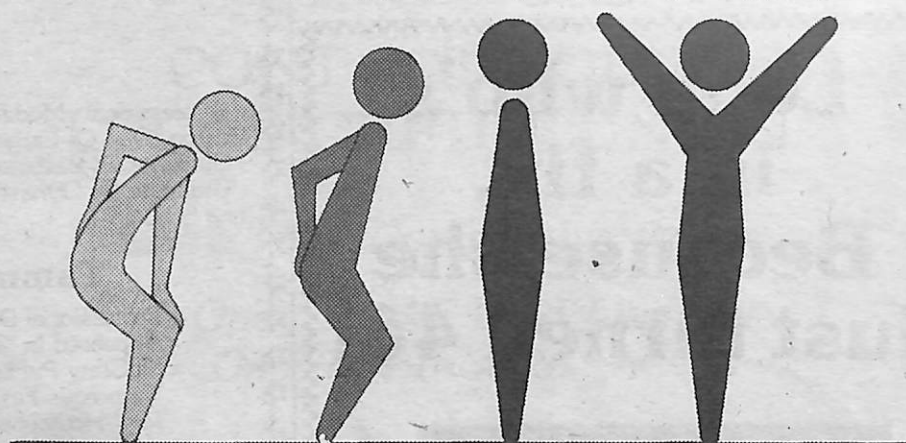
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Church News - continued...**New Youth Director
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Patricia (Patsy) Traficante of Westfield has been named the first full time youth director of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on North Westfield Street.

Trained to be a high school mathematics teacher, Mrs. Traficanti got her feet wet on her new job by assisting Debbie Donaldson with the week-long Vacation Bible School at the church. The school closed with an ice cream social attended by approximately 50 students, parents, and faculty members. Students showed off projects undertaken during the week and sang songs learned.

Six teachers and helpers also assisted with the program for youngsters from four through 13 years of age.

The regular Youth Program will get underway on Saturdays and Sundays in September. Patsy said the program will be flexible depending on the youngsters who participate (as she becomes familiar with the church and those who attend the classes). Tentatively, she is planning a field trip to a Native American Pow-Wow at University of Massachusetts on September 24th and 25th. As winter comes on, there will probably be movies and suppers, she said, in addition to studies and projects.

On Saturday, September 10th, the seven through nine year-olds will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Patsy said. On Saturday afternoon, September 10th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the four through six year-olds will meet, and those 10 and older will meet on Sunday, September 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This schedule will be adhered to through the winter.

Mrs. Traficanti resides on King Street, Westfield with her husband, Christopher, and their children, seven year-old Joshua, and five year-old Sarah. She earned her bachelor of science degree in mathematics from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford. While doing graduate work at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, she was a teaching assistant in calculus. She is certified to teach high school mathematics in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and taught geometry at Cathedral High School in Springfield from 1986 to 1988, before giving birth to Joshua.

An enthusiastic and personable person, she considers her new position a challenge and is eagerly looking forward to the fall term.

**"Thirsty Ground"
Topic Of Sermon At
F.H. Congregational**

Reverend Donaldson of Feeding Hills Congregational Church, North Westfield Street, returns from vacation this week to preach a sermon entitled, "Thirsty Ground." This is also Communion Sunday.

Patsy Traficanti, Youth Group Director, has announced the beginning of activities at the church. The group for ages seven through nine will meet on Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

The four to six year-olds will meet Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, the remaining young people, ages 10 and up, will meet from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Call the church for more information or to sign up.

Choir rehearsals for Adult Choir have resumed on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Junior Choir will meet beginning September 18th at 11:10 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Sunday School Rally Day will be held on September 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Meetings this week:

September 6th: Christian Education, 7:30 p.m.

September 7th: The Big E Committee, 7:30 p.m.

September 8th: Deacons Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

September 10th: The Big E Committee will meet to move FHCC equipment at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEASE remember
that our deadline is
Tuesday at noon but
we do prefer to see
you on Monday.**

**More Historical Tidbits During 175th
Anniversary Of Ag. Congregational Church**

More history on the Agawam Congregational Church, celebrating its 175th Anniversary, September 9th, 10th, 11th, and 18th.

Through the years, Deacons have had a large share of the responsibility for the well-being of the Church. This was especially true in the early days and at that time, it was not easy to find willing workers for this Board.

Soon after Rev. Ruben Hazen assumed his duties as first settled pastor of the Church, a meeting was called, at which "Captain Timothy Allyn was chosen First Deacon and Bildad Fowler was chosen for the Second, both unanimously. Which brethren were set apart to this office by the Church with prayer to Almighty God."

On the death of Captain Allyn in 1838, Charles

Wood was chosen Junior Deacon. In 1866, Col. Harvey Wolcott was chosen Senior Deacon, and Reuben DeWitt was chosen Junior Deacon. In 1868, these two were re-elected for two years, at which time a vote limited the term to two years. Previously, the election of Deacon had been for a life term.

From time to time, the by-laws of the Church have been amended to allow for more members on the Board of Deacons. Now there are 15 members comprising of men and women with a term of three years.

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Spotlight On Business

For 37 Bright Years, Mary Ann Studio Has Taught You To Dance

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

A sparkling, attractive Mary Ann Langone, owner of the **Mary Ann Studio of Dance**, laughingly referred to herself as "a dancing fool" in a recent interview. Because she loves dancing so much, her school of dance, held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street, concentrates on just that—dancing. All types of dancing.

She doesn't deviate into yoga, baton twirling, or modeling. But if one loves one or more types of dance: tap, jazz, ballet, or pointe as much as Mary Ann does, they would find her school welcoming and comfortable.

When Mary Ann and her husband, David, opened what was the first dance studio in Agawam some 30 years ago, her students were primarily the neighborhood children. "They helped me get started," she said. "We all worked hard, some becoming assistant teachers and eventually, some became teachers. Now I feel as though I have taught everyone in Agawam."

She now teaches children of her first students, and loves it when a former student visits to show off her new baby or a toddler.

Mary Ann said she started dancing at a young age following her mother's interest in dancing. She said her mother, Rita DeNucci, danced and wanted her daughter to learn from professionals. So as Mary Ann grew up in Springfield's North End, she attended several dance studios. She went to Classical Junior High and the High School of Commerce, and one summer she danced off Broadway with Hal Sanda Manhattan Rockettes. This was the traveling arm of the Radio City Rockettes. They danced throughout the Northeast.

While she said she enjoyed it, the experience made her realize she did not want this type of career. She didn't like the traveling that took her away from family so much of the time. This is probably linked to the homey atmosphere of her dance studio, where her mother has assisted her with organization, registration, and a million details over the years. And her husband, David, is her business partner and is on hand to lend his assistance.

First Started 37 Years Ago

Thirty-seven years ago, Mary Ann started giving dance lessons in the North End of Springfield. And when her brother, Angelo, bought a building and opened Angelo's Market on Boston Road, Mary Ann and David started a dance school on the same site. Seven years later, they rented space from the Agawam Congregational Church for their second venture, and their third location is on Soule road in Wilbraham.

"I love children," she explained. "And my main interest is in helping them develop their talents as they grow. We meet them as shy, small children and work on their coordination and self-esteem as they gain confidence and grace."



MARY ANN & DAVE LANGONE, owners of the **Mary Ann Studio of Dance**, with their grandson, **Joseph**, who is pictured receiving his 2nd year dance trophy.

Mary Ann graduated from the Dance Educators of America and the Dance Masters of America. She continued classes in New York at Broadway Dance Center and Steps. Each year she takes classes in New York, she said, to meet with other dance professionals and keep up with the newest trends in the field. Each year she takes some of her students to New York for special classes and to visit the city.

When a student is sufficiently proficient, she is given the option of being an assistant teacher.

(And when qualified, a teacher.) The studio's present teachers, **Angela Shuman**, **Melissa Bruce**, and **Michelle Butler**, are former students and are augmented on staff by many assistant teachers.

Melissa is a graduate of Westfield State College and started dancing with Mary Ann when she was two years old. Michelle is a graduate of Agawam High School who started dancing as a toddler 20 years ago. Angela Shuman has been with Mary Ann for 17 years and is a graduate of Western New England College. The three are certified dance instructors.

An elaborate recital in the auditorium of Cathedral High School caps the season each June for Mary Ann's dancers. The production is expensive to stage, she said, because she uses professionals for lighting, scenery, and the making and designing of costumes, etc.

The toddlers are always the hit of the show. "They are so cute," she said. Yes, Mary Ann dances in the show, too. "They always ask me to perform something," she says with a grin, "and I'm on."

Her students participate in local parades and are invited to dance at fundraisers for charities. They have danced at most of the local malls and at Chez Josef's Banquet House. Mary Ann recalls when her students danced on Channel 22's *Kitty Broman Show* and on Channel 40's *Mary Trawley Show*. "They don't have live shows like that anymore," she said wistfully.

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ANGELA is one of the dance instructors at the Mary Ann Studio of Dance.

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The studio's program has been designed to develop creative expression, rhythm, coordination, and muscle control. Progress also increases confidence, self-esteem, and gracefulness. Students earn awards and trophies and they are given annually.

Asked why so many dancers continue as students through childhood into adulthood (some leaving for a while and returning), Mary Ann said, "I think it is the lack of career pressure here. While we do encourage those who are career oriented, we like to think of dancing as an avocation; an exercise promoting good health, flexibility, style and grace, but primarily just plain fun. It's something to enjoy."

With several open houses behind them, Mary Ann and crew are primed up for the 1994-95 season, which starts on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6th and 7th (after-school hours). Preschoolers will meet the same days at 10:00 a.m. Entrance to the dance studio is from the Congregational Church parking lot.

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MISSY is one of the dance instructors at the Mary Ann Studio of Dance.



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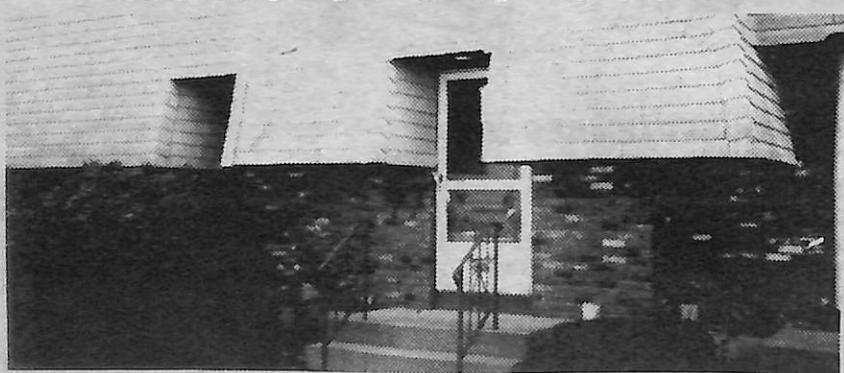


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Answers To Some Questions About Life Insurance And Annuity Interest Rates

Anyone considering the purchase of fixed annuities or interest-sensitive life insurance such as universal life must confront the complex issue of interest rates.

You might even base your purchasing decision on the interest rate quoted for the product you want to buy. You need to make sure, though, that your decision involves a clear understanding of what returns to expect and a knowledge of the history and reputation of the company offering the products.

Here are some questions you may want to ask of anyone who gives you a proposal for an annuity or an interest-sensitive insurance contract:

1. What interest rate will be paid on my annuity or interest-sensitive life insurance contract?

The interest rate that you should look at is called the "current rate" or "contract rate." This is the rate paid on your contract and reflects the actual return on your investment. It generally changes once a year in response to rising or falling interest rates in the marketplace. You also will have a "guaranteed" interest rate that is, in effect, your safety net. Your return can never fall below this level.

2. How long are the initial current rates guaranteed?

Most commonly, current rates are in effect for the first year of your contract, although some contracts offer guarantees for three and five years. A new interest rate, or "renewal rate," is set at the end of the initial term.

3. Does a high first-year current rate mean you can look forward to a renewal rate that is the same or better in future years?

Not necessarily. The rates that insurance companies pay depend on their investment strategy. Some invest in very short-term securities, which means that their future rates will be much like money market rates; others invest in medium-or-long-term securities, where rates will not change rapidly over the years.

4. How can I tell what my renewal rates will be?

You won't be able to tell exactly what renewal rates will be, but the history of the company offering them will provide a clue. Look for two indicators from the company: its volume of business in annuities and interest-sensitive life insurance (which indicates the company's commitment and stability), and its interest-rate track record.

5. Is a higher interest rate always to my advantage?

Not always. Just a few years ago, for example, some insurance companies offered extremely high rates. Unfortunately, the investments underlying the contracts didn't perform as expected and clients ended up with substantially reduced rates and, in some cases, even lost principal. As these clients learned, you can't collect your money from a financially troubled company that has been seized by a state government. The moral? Look for soundness and consistency over the long term.

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As mortgage interest rates increase, buyers are again expected to proliferate the housing market. But before agreeing to mortgage terms, real estate professionals recommend reviewing the different types of mortgage programs that lenders have to offer.

The difference between a fixed rate and variable interest rate mortgage is the first thing to consider when choosing a home loan. A fixed rate mortgage sets the interest rate for the life of the loan. A variable rate mortgage changes on an interim basis, as national interest rates fluctuate up or down.

Depending on the environment and the amount of time you plan to carry the loan, choosing between these two types of mortgage plans can make a big difference financially.

Consult with a lender before making a decision on which type of loan you'll use. Even though it seems logical that a fixed rate would be best during a time of low interest rates, several variable rate loans can offer maximum cap and payment advantages that could save you money.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**FINANCIAL PLANNING - from Page 32...****6. How will the interest I earn on my contract be taxed?**

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7. How do companies earn the interest to pay the annuity contracts?

Companies earn interest by investing in a variety of financial instruments: government bonds, corporate bonds, common stock and real estate. Since the objectives of annuities or interest-sensitive life insurance include protecting the principal along with providing a return, look at both the type and the quality of investments chosen by the company.

8. What type of investments give high returns with minimum risk?

High-grade corporate and U.S. governmental bonds, well-secured mortgages and cash reserves attain relatively high returns with low risk. Insurance companies that invest in low-grade corporate bonds ("junk bonds") and common stocks, for example, may earn a relatively higher return but also face considerable potential risk to the principal in the contracts.

9. Besides interest rates and investment strategy, what else should I consider when buying an annuity or interest-sensitive life insurance contract?

Since these contracts can be complicated, you should consider the quality of the service given to policyowners. Look for a company that will be up-front in its dealings with you—one that will respond quickly and accurately to your concerns. The company's representative should be able to tell you the current interest rate, the guaranteed rate, the company's track record on the product offered, the company's investment philosophy and its service commitments.

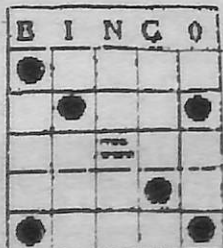
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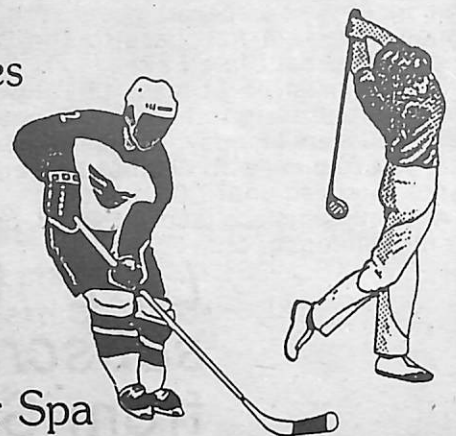
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Breast Cancer Support Group - September 13th and 27th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Stockbridge Room, Second Floor, Centennial Building, free. Pre-registration required by calling Susan Mahoney at 784-8493 or Irene Thomson, R.N. at 784-5437. Sponsored by Baystate Medical Center and the American Cancer Society.

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Depression After Delivery - Wednesday, September 14th, 7:00 p.m., Chicopee/Agawam Room of the Centennial Building, free. Call Parent Education at 784-BABY (2229).

Crohns and Colitis Support Group - Thursday, September 15th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Auditorium II, Third Floor, Centennial Building, free. Guest speaker: Baystate Medical Center surgeon Jan B. Wojcik, M.D. For more information, call 736-2422.

Diabetes Support Group - Tuesday, September 20th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Chicopee/Agawam Room of the Centennial Building, free. For more information, call 784-4364.

Insulin Pump Support Group - Tuesday, September 20th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., West Springfield Room, free. For more information, call 784-5789.

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Appointments are recommended; call 748-9511 for more information.

Prostate Cancer Screenings Slated At Mercy Hospital

During Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (September 18th-24th), Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate exams for men.

More than 200,000 cases will be diagnosed this year, and 40,000 men will die ... making prostate cancer the most common cancer among American men over the age of 50, and their second-leading cancer killer. But early detection and treatment can help save lives.

The free screening is September 21st, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Patient Assessment area. Exams are available to men over the age of 50, and those over the age of 40 who are at high risk for the disease because of their family history or ethnic background.

Two tests will be conducted during the exam. The digital rectal exam (DRE) is the standard test for prostate cancer. The physician inserts a gloved finger into the patient's rectum and presses against the prostate, feeling for hard lumps or growths. It is simple, painless, and takes about one minute. The prostate specific antigen (PSA) test measures the blood level of a protein produced by prostate cells, and is another aid to the diagnosis of prostate cancer.

"Prostate cancer is a serious disease that usually develops with no noticeable symptoms," said Dr. Robert S. Mandell, Chief of Urology at Mercy Hospital, and physician coordinator of the screening. "Early diagnosis is the best chance for a cure. Through the screening at Mercy, we hope to increase awareness of the need for annual examinations by one's own physician."

During last year's free examinations, 210 men were seen. According to Norma Cosgrove, R.N., Director, Surgical Services, some 3.8 percent of those screened showed some warning signs of prostate cancer.

"There were eight abnormal tests recorded, and each patient was advised to contact a urologist for further examination," she said.

Appointments for the September 21st screening are available to men ages 50-70 who have not been diagnosed with or treated for prostate cancer. Men ages 40-70 with a family history of the disease, and African-American men ages 40-70 are also eligible for the exams.

Dr. Mandell noted that "African-American men have a higher incidence of prostate cancer, double the mortality rate, and occurrences at a younger age. We especially encourage men in this high-risk group to participate in the screening."

Due to the volume of clients taking part in the screening, Mercy will be unable to accept walk-ins. For an appointment, call 748-9710.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

The Crackdown On Crackers

On the outside, crackers look like a healthy substitute for bread. The labels spurt healthy claims like "whole wheat" and "baked, not fried." But crackers are not all they're cracked up to be. Close inspection of the nutrition label reveals that crackers are often high in fat and sodium, and low in fiber.

Calories range from 90-180 per ounce, and the more calories, the more fat. Our old favorites now come in reduced fat varieties. But watch how many you eat.

The fat adds up fast. For example, the original Ritz has one gram of fat per cracker. In the reduced-fat Ritz, every two crackers have a gram of fat, and it's easy to munch down a sleeve of these crispy, buttery favorites.

Most of the fat in crackers is from a plant oil like soybean. However, the oil is often partially hydrogenated (that means the oil is made into margarine) and the resulting fat may be as heart-unhealthy as butter.

The lowest fat crackers are crispbreads like melba toast and fat-free Snackwell crackers. The Snackwell's Cracked Pepper crackers came out tops in our taste test.

To find a cracker that fits into your healthy lifestyle, follow these guidelines:

- * When comparing labels, note the serving size. Both 1/2- and 1-ounce serving sizes appear on labels.

- * Be aware that "wheat" in the name doesn't always mean cracker is high in fiber. It may simply mean that refined wheat flour (i.e. white flour) is the main ingredient. Unless whole wheat flour is one of the first ingredients, there's no fiber advantage. Flat breads and crispbreads offer the most fiber, up to six grams of fiber per ounce.

- * For fat savings, steer clear of butter-flavored, cheese-flavored, or Townhouse-type crackers. Or try lower fat versions.

- * Crackers that boast of being "baked" aren't necessarily low-fat. All crackers are baked. Some are sprayed with fat after baking to make them shine.

- * If you're counting sodium, opt for low-sodium or unsalted varieties.

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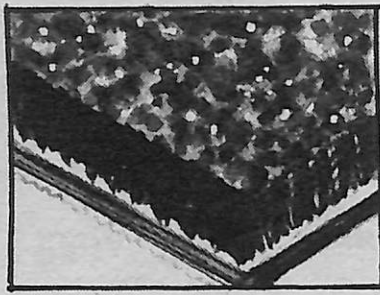
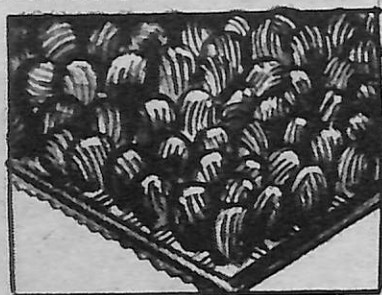
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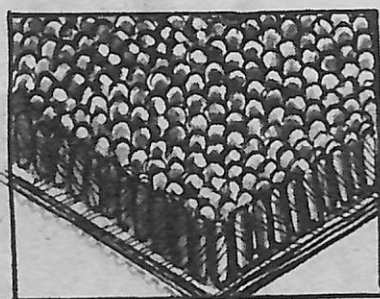
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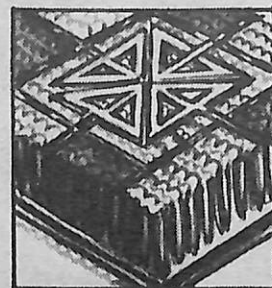
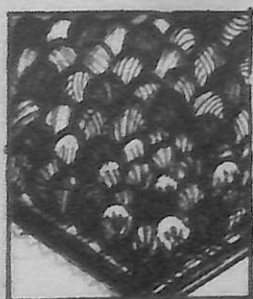
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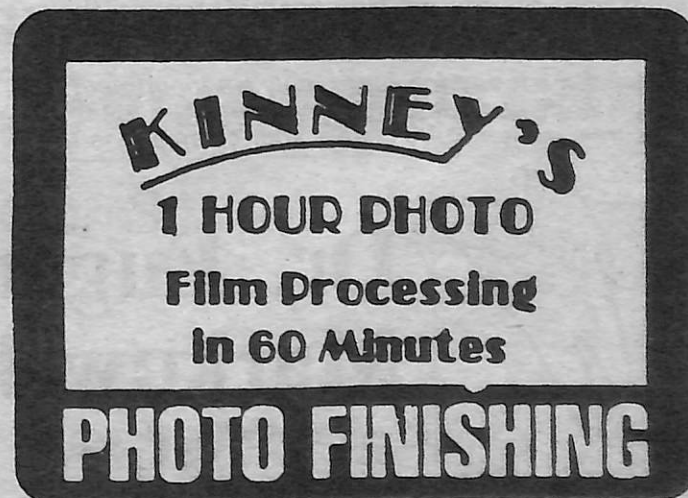
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Late Summer Recipes For Enjoying Corn!!!

Selection:

Choose ears of sweet corn which have fresh, green, succulent husks. The silk ends should be free of decay and worm damage while the stem ends should not be too discolored or dry. Kernels should be plump but not too mature, and should cover the ear well; they should be soft and milky.

Measuring Information:

One dozen ears of corn give about 2½ cups of cooked kernels; three to six pounds give one quart of canned corn; one bushel (35 lbs.) gives 14-17 pints of frozen corn; 2 to 2½ pounds gives one pint of frozen corn.

Storage:

Leave the husks and store corn, uncovered, in the refrigerator. For sweetest taste, use corn as soon as possible.

Preparation:

Corn should be eaten as soon as possible after harvesting (it's delicious raw!) before it begins to lose its natural sweetness. It's important not to overcook corn.

Corn Oysters

A spoonful of this corn batter puffs up like a little oyster when dropped onto a hot griddle.

2 cups fresh, cooked sweet corn, tightly packed

½ cup, plus 1 tablespoon of flour

½ teaspoon baking powder

1½ tablespoons melted butter

3 eggs, separated

1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

Place corn in large bowl. Add egg yolks, stir until blended. Sift dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients to egg/corn mixture. Stir until blended.

Add melted butter and season with salt and pepper. Blend together well. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold whites into egg/corn mixture. Drop by teaspoon onto hot, oiled griddle.

Fry until browned on both sides, turning once.

(Makes 16-20.)

Corn On The Cob

BOILED: Remove husks and silk. Drop ears slowly into boiling water (or half milk, half water) to cover. Cover and cook corn four to 10 minutes until tender; time depends on corn's maturity.

Drain and serve immediately, either whole or scraped from the cob, with butter, salt, and pepper.

If corn is very young and fresh, boil enough water to cover the corn. Drop ears slowly, cover tightly, and remove from heat. Let ears stand in hot water for about five 5 minutes until tender.

Drain and serve immediately with butter, salt, and pepper.

MICROWAVED: Remove husks and silk. Sprinkle with water and wrap in plastic wrap, or place in a covered dish with a small amount of water; heat on high for about six minutes until tender. Or, heat in the husks with silks removed, about six minutes on high setting.

STEAMED: Remove husks and silk. Steam ears over boiling water 10 to 15 minutes until tender. Serve immediately with butter, salt, and pepper.

ROASTED OR GRILLED IN THE HUSK: Pull back the husks without completely detaching them, remove silk. Dip ears into cold water and replace the husks, twisting them at the end. Broil them on a grill over hot coals, turning frequently, about 15 minutes until well-heated or bake them at 400 degrees on a rack in the oven until tender, about 15 minutes.

Remove husks and serve with butter, salt, and pepper.

ROASTED IN FOIL: Remove husks and silk. Rub ears with butter, salt, and pepper. Wrap them individually in foil and bake them at 400 degrees about 15 minutes. Or roast them over hot coals, turning several times. When tender, unwrap and serve immediately.

CORN CUT FROM THE COB: Remove husks and silk. Cut or grate corn kernels from cob. Simmer kernels several minutes in butter or cream until just tender. Serve immediately with salt and pepper, or season with Worcestershire Sauce and minced garlic.

Corn cut from the cob combines well with several other vegetables, such as green peppers, tomatoes, and lima beans (succotash). It can be used in custards, puddings, fritters, souffles, stuffed peppers, soups, chowders, relishes, and mixed pickles. Corn can be frozen or canned.

Nutritional Value of Sweet Corn

Sweet corn provides a fair amount of Vitamin C and useful amounts of other vitamins and minerals. It is very low in sodium.

Nutritional Information

	Cooked Ear	Cooked Kernels (1 cup)
Calories	70	137
Protein	2.5 grams	5.3 grams
Fat	.8 grams	1.7 grams
Carbohydrate	16.2 grams	31 grams
Sodium	trace	trace

Percentage of U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance (U.S. RDA)

	Cooked Ear	Cooked, Drained Kernels
Protein	4 percent	8 percent
Vitamin A	6 percent	15 percent
Vitamin C	10 percent	20 percent
Thiamin	6 percent	10 percent
Riboflavin	4 percent	10 percent
Niacin	6 percent	10 percent
Calcium	—	—
Iron	2 percent	6 percent

(Information provided by Massachusetts Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the New England Vegetable Growers Association).

Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital Sept. 15th

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium A located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required.

Dr. Anne Koss Joins Agawam Health Center

Dr. Anne Koss joined the Agawam Health Center of Medical West Associates on August 29th as a board eligible primary care internist. She comes to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health center from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire where she completed her internship and residency in internal medicine.

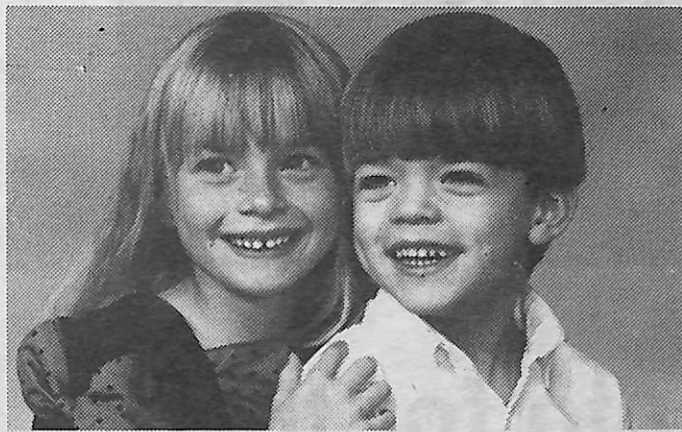
During her time in medical school at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Dr. Koss

was a teaching assistant for the summer premedical enrichment program and earned the Ruth & Mitchell Ede Award for her excellence in dermatology.

Dr. Koss is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians and has worked in provider programs for Tufts Associated Health Plan in Waltham.

Dr. Koss currently resides in Enfield, Connecticut.

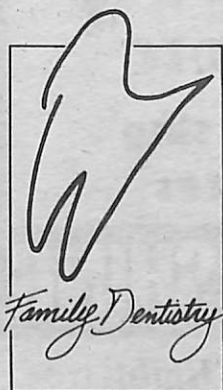
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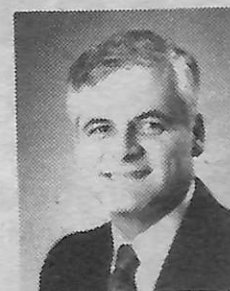
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Watercolor Demo At Leonard House Sept. 7

Marie Fitzgerald Flahive will be giving a lecture and demonstration on watercolor portraits at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, September 7th between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

This is just one of many demonstrations and lectures that the Agawam Community Artists will be sponsoring in the next year.

Anyone interested in further information can contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689 or DeBorah A. Allen at 786-6087.

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THE BIG E Will Sizzle With Large Menu Of Great Singers

A sizzling entertainment line-up awaits fairgoers at The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," which takes place September 16th-October 2nd in West Springfield.

Free entertainment on the **Miller Genuine Draft Stage** includes:

* **Jimmy Sturr** - Sept. 16th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - "The Polka King," six-time Grammy award-winner and a native of Springfield, Mass., will perform smashing polka hits.

* **Peabo Bryson** - Sept. 17th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - The artist who captured hearts with the themes of Disney movies, *Beauty and the Beast* and *A Whole New World*, (Aladdin's theme), will deliver two power-packed performances.

* **The Down Five Plus Five** - Sept. 17th at 9:00 p.m. only - The Down Five, backed by their band "Plus Five," will perform the best in Motown, R & B, and Soul music.

* **Louise Mandrell** - Sept. 18th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - Bringing her own distinctive style and love of country music to The Big E, Mandrell is sure to deliver a sensational performance of music, dance, and audience-dazzling entertainment.

* **Darryl & Don Ellis** - Sept. 19th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - Two rich, soulful voices combined with their young, country charm make these brothers an electrifying duo on the stage.

* **Danny Gans** - Sept. 23rd at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - Impressionist, comedian, singer, and actor are all roles Gans plays on the stage, impersonating stars like Michael Jackson, Frank Sinatra, Kermit the Frog, and President Clinton.

* **Pam Tillis** - Sept. 24th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - A real love for country music is what drives this inspiring young artist to write and perform such hit songs as "Don't Tell Me What To Do," and "Shake the Sugar Tree."

* **Oak Ridge Boys** - Sept. 25th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - These long-time stars of the country music world and winners of every major award will perform songs from their three decades of number one hits.

* **Victoria Shaw** - Sept. 26th-29th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - This up and coming young country music songwriter/singer has written three number

one country singles, including "The River" for Garth Brooks and "I Love The Way You Love Me" for John Michael Montgomery.

* **BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet** - Sept. 30th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - Hailed as "the most highly acclaimed Cajun group in America," these five-time Grammy nominees blend blues, country, and Caribbean music to produce infectiously up-tempo dance music, gentle, moving waltzes and rich, powerful ballads.

* **Chuck Berry** - Oct. 1st at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. - The undisputed king of rock and roll since the 50's, Chuck Berry will perform timeless songs like "Johnny B Goode," "My Ding-A-Ling," and "Roll Over Beethoven."

* **Willie Nelson** - Oct. 2nd at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. only - Entering his fourth decade of inspiring country vocals, Willie Nelson will perform in his individualistic country style which has won him countless awards and the admiration of thousands of country music fans worldwide.

* **The Shangri-Las** - Sept. 16th-20th at Noon and 4:00 p.m. - "Leader of the Pack" since the 60's, the Shangri-Las will wow audiences with hits such as "Give Him A Great Big Kiss" and "I Can Never Go Home Anymore."

* **The Contours** - Sept. 21st-26th at Noon and 4:00 p.m. - Fairgoers will fall in love all over again as the Contours perform their chart-topping hits from the 60's, including "Do You Love Me?" and "In The Still of the Night."

* **The Crystals** - Sept. 27th-Oct. 2nd at Noon and 4:00 p.m. - This popular group from the 1960's will deliver a first-rate, high-energy performance with hit after hit such as "Da Doo Ron Ron" and "Then He Kissed Me."

* **The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association** - Oct. 1st at 5:30 p.m. - The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers will present a spectacular performance of ballroom dancing.

* **Bethany Assembly Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra** - Oct. 2nd at 2:00 p.m. - This 80-member choir and 18-piece orchestra from the Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will perform uplifting gospel songs.

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Annual 3-County Fair In 'Hamp Starts Sept. 2nd

As sure as September heralds the return of students to schools throughout the Pioneer Valley, so too does it mark the return of the Three County Fair on Labor Day weekend.

Running Friday, September 2nd, through Saturday, September 10th, the Fair is an annual fusion of agricultural exposition and carnival-style entertainment that draws enthusiasts and participants from throughout New England, New York, and New Jersey.

Some come to bet on the only remaining live Thoroughbred horse racing fair in Massachusetts; some to relish the spectacle of the midway, and pay homage to brute strength, machismo, and machine; and some to pay tribute to the farming traditions and agricultural arts preserved and presented here since 1918. All who come are treated to a unique combination of family, farm, and fun that is characteristic of this, the oldest continuous running fair in the country.

A Look At Life On The Farm

A Fair mainstay and annual tradition are the horticultural, agricultural, and livestock exhibits and shows that offer, typically, over 9,000 participants a chance to win, place, or show in competition for one of over 3,000 prizes. Premium prizes for categories such as Best Sheep, Largest Zucchini, and A-1 Apple Pie, totaled an average of \$35,000 last year.

Exhibits and shows like the Baby Barnyard Petting Zoo, the magnificent Dress Draft Horse Show, Ye Old Barnyard Show, and the Farm Museum's antique agricultural exhibit, offer fairgoers a look at farming life that is educational and fun.

A Vital Part Of The Community

There is no doubt that the Fair draws thousands of dollars into the local economy and provides space for numerous events year-round, but Fair officials consider it their most important task to support the farming life that helps give this fertile valley its rich traditions.

The Fair supports Valley 4H groups' efforts by providing free exhibit space for 4H events throughout the year, and the proceeds from a food concession booth during the annual nine-day Fair.

In addition, Fair officials work with local high school guidance counselors to award college scholarships to students (five were awarded last year) in what has been a long-standing tradition of fostering future generations. Applicants must have plans for furthering their education, and have exhibited at the Fair in the past.

This year marks the beginning of what many hope will be a new tradition of collaboration and supporting the arts. Fair member Charlie Mazeski has been working with the Northampton Center for the Arts to provide many Western Massachusetts' favorite country bands to entertain fairgoers on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 3rd and 4th.

Other musical highlights include another Valley favorite, the *Northeast 40 Band*, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, September 6th and 7th; and the 12-piece *Valley Strummers* on Thursday and Friday evenings, September 8th and 9th, whose unique combination of stringed instruments have earned them a wide following.

Making Merry On The Midway

To many, the sight of the Ferris wheel lighting

up the Northampton sky means it's Labor Day and the Fair's in town.

Thousands make their annual pilgrimage to the fairgrounds for Karaoke in the Club House, carnival-style midway games and rides, and a taste of fried dough and those one-of-a-kind French fries.

It's Official—The Horses Will Run

The Three County Fair remains the only Fair in the state with live thoroughbred racing. This year the Fair will hold pari-mutuel racing daily (post time 1:30 p.m.) with the exception of Tuesday, September 6th.

The State Racing Commission granted Fair officials' request to rest the horses on Tuesday due to a shortage of racing horses at both fairs and commercial tracks across the country. Recent changes in the federal tax laws have made the keeping and training of thoroughbreds an increasing financial burden, no longer offset for the owners by the abundant purses of 40 years ago, when there were eight racing fairs in Massachusetts from which to earn a living.

Ticket Sales And Admission

Despite mounting operating costs, admission to the Fair has been held at the 1990 rate of \$5.

Children's Day is Saturday, September 3rd, with free admission for children under 12 years of age. Senior Citizens' Day is Wednesday, September 7th, with a \$2 admission for those age 65 and over.

Tickets are available from September 2nd through 10th at the gates, which open daily at 10:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Fairgrounds at (413) 584-2237.

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On the **State Line Gazebo** on Storowton Village Green, fairgoers may enjoy the slapstick comedy of **Disorderly Conduct**, Sept. 16th-25th and the juggling antics of **Bounce and Ou La La**, Sept. 26th-Oct. 2nd, all at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m.

Special weekend entertainment includes the rousing music of **Pat Rondinelli's Festival Band**, Sept. 17th-18th at 6:30 p.m.; the yo-yo antics of **Land of Yo**, Sept. 24th-25th at 12:30, 2:30, and 6:30 p.m.; and the folk music of **Julie and Brownie**, Oct. 1st-2nd at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

In the Outdoor Arena, the engine-revving excitement of **Joe Chitwood's Thrill Show**, sponsored by **Foxwoods Resort Casino**, will take place Sept. 16th-25th. Showtimes are 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. daily with an additional 1:00 p.m. show Saturdays. **Scheer's Lumberjack Show**, featuring speed sawing, log rolling, pole-climbing, and other events, takes place Sept. 26th-Oct. 2nd at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 p.m. daily.

The **Philadelphia Mummers** have been

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The **Pirates of the Caribbean High Dive Show**, sponsored by Milk Promotion Services, will have fairgoers holding their breath at the sight of these plundering pirates risking their lives to provide dare-devilish, high sea entertainment on the Milky Way, located adjacent to the New Hampshire building at Noon, 2:00, 3:30, and 6:30 p.m. daily throughout The Big E.

Children of all ages will love the magic and mystery of walk-about **Cheerful Charlie**, who rides a tiny motorized car, **The Mechanical Man**, **The Living Doll**, and **Biggie**, the official mascot of The Big E. All characters will be walking about the grounds throughout the fair.

Spectacular entertainment and plenty of other sights and sounds await fairgoers at The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," in West Springfield, Sept. 16th - Oct. 2nd.

F.H. Theatre Group To Hold Auditions For Fall Musical

The Hilltop Players, Feeding Hills' Community Theatre Group, has announced auditions for its upcoming fall production, *The Sound of Music* by Rogers and Hammerstein.

Directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora have scheduled the open auditions for September 6th and 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield, Feeding Hills, next to the Valley Community Church.

All adult and child auditioners must sing and be prepared to do readings from the script. The musical will run October 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th at 7:30 p.m. and October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be scheduled once the cast has been selected.

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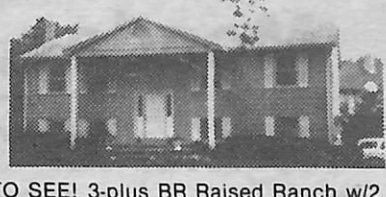



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Hilltown Activities Scheduled For September-October

BLANDFORD FAIR: The 127th Annual Blandford Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 2nd through Monday, September 5th on the Blandford Fairgrounds, North Street, Blandford, MA.

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. Friday, with an organ concert, the 28th Annual Art Show and Sale, exhibit halls, a spaghetti dinner, chainsaw sculpting, an oldies' band, and four-wheel drive truck pulls.

On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, gates will open at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday will feature the Blandford Horse Show, Dairy Cattle Show, Sheep Show, State Police K-9 demonstration, a baked ham dinner, an Olde Time Fiddle Contest, and horse draws.

On Sunday, there will be a Beef Cattle Show, a banjo band, vaudeville, ox draws, a barbershop quartet, and a barbecued chicken dinner.

Monday, Labor Day and Youth Day, will feature a goat show, a pony draw, a Dairy Cattle Show, Modified Truck Pulls, comedy and magic shows, four-wheel drive truck pulls, and a roast beef dinner.

Call the Fairgrounds at 848-0438 for more information.

EIKO AND KOMA DANCE COMPANY: Friday through Sunday, September 2nd-4th, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Route 20, Becket, in Studio Theatre. Call 243-0745 for tickets and information.

ARTSFEAST: Sunday, September 4th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Plainfield Cultural Council sponsors scarecrow construction, blacksmithing, and spinning demonstrations in the Plainfield Town Center.

A show/sale will include weaving, sculpture, painting, woodworking, jewelry and furniture, as well as entertainment by the acoustic folk music duo, Yankee Notions. For further information, call (413) 634-5015.

ART EXHIBIT: Sunday and Monday, September 4th and 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Arunah Hill Observatory, Trouble Street, Cummington. *Deep Sky*, an exhibition of oil paintings by Beth Kurtz, portraits of galaxies, clusters, nebulae, and stars. For further information and directions, call 772-6715 or 634-5462.

MINIATURE THEATRE OF CHESTER PLAY: *The Gin Game*, Wednesday, August 24th through Sunday, September 4th. Kim Hunter stars with Vincent Dowling in D.L. Coburn's Pulitzer Prize winner. Chester Town Hall, Route 20. Call Box Office at 667-8818 for ticket information.

MARKET LAMB SALE: Tuesday, September 6th, by Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders, at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Northampton, all day. Lambs raised by 4-H members.

HERBAL HARVEST WORKSHOP: Saturday, September 10th, Carmelwood, Montgomery Road, Huntington. Call 667-5786 for more information and reservations.

JAZZ CONCERT: Sunday, September 11th, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Paradise Jazz Concert, Worthington Center Historical Town Property, free to the public.

"SING FOR YOUR SUPPER": Friday, September 16th, Carmelwood, Montgomery Road, Huntington. Call 667-5786 for more information and reservations.

WATERCOLOR WEEKEND: Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th, with Joan Boryta, Carmelwood, Montgomery Road, Huntington. Call 667-5786 for more information and reservations.

SUPPER AND ALL THAT JAZZ: Sunday, October 2nd, with chefs Jeff and Susan Penn and jazz pianist Eric Weld. Carmelwood, Montgomery Road, Huntington. Call 667-5786 for more information and reservations.

HARVEST FEST: Saturday, October 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (no rain date), eighth Annual Harvest Fest at Misty Mountain Farm, Ingell Road, Chester. Sponsored by the Chester Hill Association, a full schedule of events include an arts and crafts fair, hay rides drawn by horse and oxen, a poetry reading in the farm chapel, a pick-your-own pumpkin patch, a flea market, and a petting zoo featuring farm animals.

Demonstrations of sheep dogs, bees, sheep shearing, and early gas farm engines are also planned. Children are invited to take part in games and a scarecrow judging contest.

Country music, flea market, and variety of foods. Raffle drawing. Free. For further information, call (413) 667-3028 or 354-6337.

THE OCTOBER RUNOVER: Sunday, October 9th, a triathlon, an athletic contest of three events: canoeing (five miles on Littleville Lake), mountain biking (15 miles), and foot racing (five miles).

Sponsored by the Jacob's Ladder Business Association. Proceeds will be used to purchase bike helmets for Gateway area kids. For further information, call (413) 667-3346.

Best Local News...

Sacred Heart Church Now Preparing For Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills is going all out in preparation for its Annual Christmas Bazaar. With less than 130 shopping days left until Christmas—and fewer than that left until the Bazaar—it is time to make your crafts and rent your space.

This year will be devoted to crafts, raffles, bak-

ed goods, and Santa. Not making an appearance this year is our "Attic Treasure" room, in order to accommodate the numerous crafters that were not able to display last year.

Think NOVEMBER, think CHRISTMAS, and remember Sacred Heart Bazaar.

Sacred Heart Church Welcomes Public To Annual Tailgate Sale On Sept. 10th

Sacred Heart Church on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills is under way in its preparations for its Annual Tailgate Sale.

This event, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will take place on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Rain date will

be Sunday, September 11th, from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m.)

If you are interested in renting a space, please call Theresa at 786-4966. If you just want to browse, please keep this date in mind.

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Teen Art Classes At Spfld. Art Museum

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The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum is offering two courses this fall just perfect for the talented teenager in your life. A nominal fee is charged for both classes and pre-registration is required.

Please call the museum's education department at (413) 733-4214 for a free brochure and to register.

ArtEffects: The Art of Drawing and Painting for 12-14 year-olds offers a comprehensive introduction to basic drawing and painting skills, using tips from great artists of the past. Using such diverse subject matter as landscapes, the figure and still-life set ups, students explore a variety of techniques in charcoal, watercolor, acrylics and oils which were popularized by famous artists on display in the museum.

The class is taught by professional artist Diane Savino, who has taught art at the museum school since 1988, received her M.A. in art education at the Hartford Art School and has worked as an art educator since 1978. **ArtEffects: The Art of Drawing and Painting is offered on Tuesdays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. beginning October 4th through November 29th.**

Painted Caves and Piled-Up Pyramids for 12-19 years-olds is an art history class designed especially with teenagers in mind. Students learn the history of art from the earliest known cave paintings to works by Renaissance masters in this fully-illustrated series of talks.

Instructor Richard Muhlberger has published several books on the history of art which are geared towards young adults. He is the former director of the art museum in Springfield, as well as the former Vice President for Education at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. **Painted Caves and Piled Up Pyramids is offered Monday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m., beginning October 3rd through December 12th.**

Limited scholarship funds are available. Please call the education department at (413) 733-4214 for an application and guidelines.

The scholarship application deadline is September 6, 1994.

Every Day Special At BIG E

Every one of The Big E's 17 days is a special day as the Exposition salutes organizations, special people, groups, and towns during the 73rd edition of "New England's Great State Fair," September 16th-October 2nd.

* **West Springfield Day, September 16th** - For over 70 years, the town of West Springfield has been the site of "New England's Great State Fair." To honor The Big E's hometown, a luncheon will be held for West Springfield dignitaries, West Springfield schoolchildren will receive free after-school admission in honor of the day, and the Daily Parade will feature West Side contingents.

* **4-H and FFA Day, September 17th** - The Big E salutes the thousands of 4-H and FFA youths who further the education of others by participating in agriculture and livestock competitions during the fair. Special competitions, judging contests, and many other activities will be held to celebrate the day.

* **Salute to the White House, September 19th** - A salute to the White House to pay tribute to The Big E's premier exhibit, sponsored by Big Y Super-Markets, will take place September 19th. Special festivities, including a surprise "presidential" appearance September 16th-17th, will take place. The White House Replica, a 60-foot x 20-foot actual replica of the White House, will be exhibited in the New England Center throughout the fair.

* **New England State Days** - Each of the six New England states has a distinctive day at The Big E. See beautiful replicas of each state's original capitol building, housing information on natural resources, agriculture, commerce, industry, tourism and traditions, and sample the history of each state through exhibits and tempting native foods. Each state will celebrate its day with a special marching band in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m. and added entertainment and special events.

The New England State Days are as follows: **Rhode Island Day, September 20th; Connecticut Day, September 21st; Massachusetts Day, September 22nd; Vermont Day, September 24th; New Hampshire Day, September 30th; and Maine Day, October 1st.**

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* **Senior Citizens' Days, September 20th & 27th** - The Big E offers senior citizens (over 60) a special discounted admission of \$6 on the two Tuesdays of the fair.

* **Agawam Day, September 23rd** - The Big E honors its friendly neighbor to the south, the Town of Agawam, with free after-school admission for Agawam schoolchildren and a special luncheon for our friends across the Morgan/Sullivan Memorial Bridge.

* **Grange Day, September 25th** - Built on the Avenue of the States in 1938 through the efforts of all six New England states, the New England Grange Building will present special entertainment on the front lawn and a float in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

* **Springfield Day, September 26th** - Schoolchildren in the "City of Firsts" will receive free after-school admission in honor of Springfield Day. A special reception will also be held for officials and dignitaries.

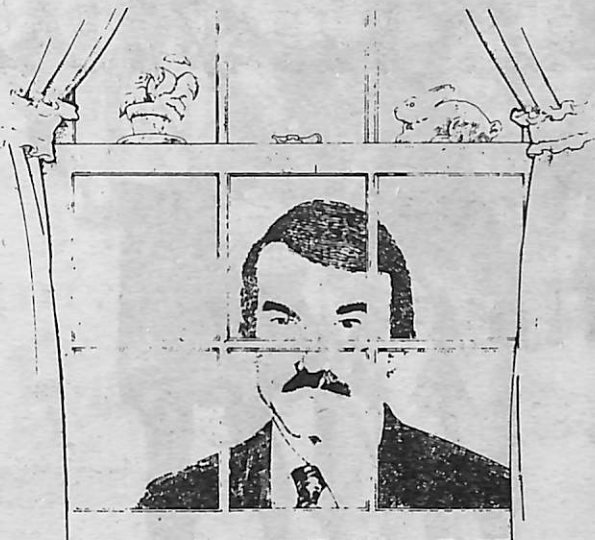
* **Shriners' Day, September 22nd** - The Big E continues to honor its longstanding relationship with this prominent organization. Don't miss the colorful Shriners' parade at 4:30 p.m.

* **Junior Achievement Day, September 29th** - This year marks the 75th anniversary of Junior Achievement, which was founded in Springfield, Mass. and was the result of a meeting at Eastern States Exposition. The Moses Building, located on Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds, was named after Horace Moses, the founder of Junior Achievement.

To celebrate this anniversary, there will be an exhibit in the New England Center staffed by knowledgeable volunteers which includes a videotape display depicting the changes in Junior Achievement through the years. An interactive computer economics simulator will be on hand for children and teenagers. Volunteers and students participating in the program will march in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

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Ms. Baldyga is a Graduate of the Julliard School and has trained at The Boston Conservatory and Jacob's Pillow.

Annual Greek Celebration, Glendi '94 At Greek Cultural Center Starting Sept. 9th

Glendi '94, Springfield's 17th annual Greek celebration, will be inaugurated on Friday, September 9th by Mayor Robert Markel's proclamation of Greek Heritage Week in Springfield at City Hall Esplanade at 11:00 a.m.

Federal, state, city, and church officials will participate in the opening ceremonies, which will include the raising of the Greek flag and greetings by His Grace Greek Orthodox Bishop Methodius of Boston.

Mayor Markel will light the Olympic torch to be carried by a runner to the Greek Cultural Center in Memorial Square, where the perpetually burning symbolic flame will be lighted for the three-day Glendi celebration.

Following the lighting of the Olympic flame will be an opening reception and luncheon for participating officials at Glendi's Greek Island Dining Tent.

Headlining Glendi '94 exhibitions will be the 12th Annual National Greek Art Exhibition, a juried exhibition by Greek American artists working throughout the United States. Awards will be presented at a reception for the artists on Sunday, September 11th, at 2:30 p.m., to which the public is invited.

Accompanying art exhibitions will be **Two Greek Village Rooms: Heirlooms from Private Collections**, family treasures assembled, and **Water-colors of Greece, English Villages and Florals**.

The **Saint George Glendi Dancers**, will perform on Friday, September 9th, at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Saturday at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Dressed in the colorful costumes of the villages of Greece, the dancers will present traditional dances of the Greek islands and mainland.

The **Bouzoukee Brothers Band**, popular at Greek American functions throughout New England, returns to Glendi '94. Performances are 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, September 9th; Saturday from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.; and Sunday, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Daily luncheons and dinners in the **Greek Island Dining Tent** will offer Greek Hors d'oeuvres and complete menus of culinary specialties. Among favorites are dolmatoes (stuffed grape leaves), souvlakia (lamb sish-ke-bob), spanakopita (cheese and spinach pie), mousaka, tiropita (cheese in filo turnovers), rice pilaf, and Greek salad with feta cheese.

The blue and white striped awnings of the **Agora** (Greek marketplace) will attract visitors to shops offering crafts, clothing, jewelry gifts, Greek breads and pastries, and a monastiriki (flea market). The International Gift Shop will offer fine quality original designs in gold and silver jewelry, handcrafted icons, Greek cookbooks, cassettes, and art objects of wood, brass, marble, and 22K cobalt porcelain.

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) will be selling ice cream, while GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth Organization) will be in charge of the toy tent offering balloons and toys for children of all ages.

All proceeds of Glendi '94 will benefit the Saint George Cathedral restoration fund.

Glendi '94 will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 9th, 10th, and 11th, with the art exhibitions open to 9:00 p.m.

Admission to Glendi '94 is by a \$1 Glendi Big Raffle ticket, purchased in advance or at the gate. Entrance for children under 12 is free when accompanied by an adult. Free security parking is available.

IF YOU HAVE DROPPED OFF any photos for the Advertiser News (sports photos, graduation photos, engagement/wedding photos, birthday ad photos, etc.), please pick them up as soon as possible. Starting this month, we will be throwing out photos.

Suffield Players Have Great Lineup Ahead

Suffield: Each year since 1980, the Suffield Players have presented plays at community theater festivals at the state or regional levels, and each year, the Suffield Players have come away with awards in acting, design, and teamwork.

Well into its second decade, the Players continue bringing you award-winning productions. Mark your calendars for the Suffield Players' next season of sensational productions:

Accomplice by Rupert Holmes. **October 27th-28th-29th, November 4th-5th, and 11th-12th, 1994.** A mystery-thriller by the author of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. A play that may not be a play, about a murder that may not be a murder, and a killer that may not be a killer. Join for the thrill of it!

An Evening of One-Act Plays. February 16th-17th-18th, 24th-25th, March 3rd-4th, 1995. Presenting *Chores*, *Zoo Story*, and *The Temp*, and featuring the directorial debut of this season's new assistant directors, Bob Demetrius, Ed Gogulski, and Kelly Seip. Join us for an evening of surprises!

Nunsense by Dan Goggin. **May 4th-5th-6th, 12th-13th-14th, and 19th-20th, 1995.** Join us as Suffield Players present their rendition of the hit musical comedy about a group of singing, dancing, wacky nuns trying to raise money for a good cause. Sit up straight, say your prayers ... and laugh!

BIG E - from Page 42...

*** Trustees' Day, October 1st** - Trustees of Eastern States Exposition who volunteer so much of their valuable time will gather from around New England for the annual Board of Trustees' meeting, followed by a luncheon and a tour of The Big E.

Western Day, October 2nd - The Big E celebrates its last weekend with Western Day and fairgoers are invited to participate by wearing their best western duds along with staff members. Also, don't miss out on the excitement of The Big E Championship Rodeo in the Coliseum, October 1st-2nd at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Fairgoers may enjoy one or all of the 17 special days of The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," in West Springfield, September 16th-October 2nd.

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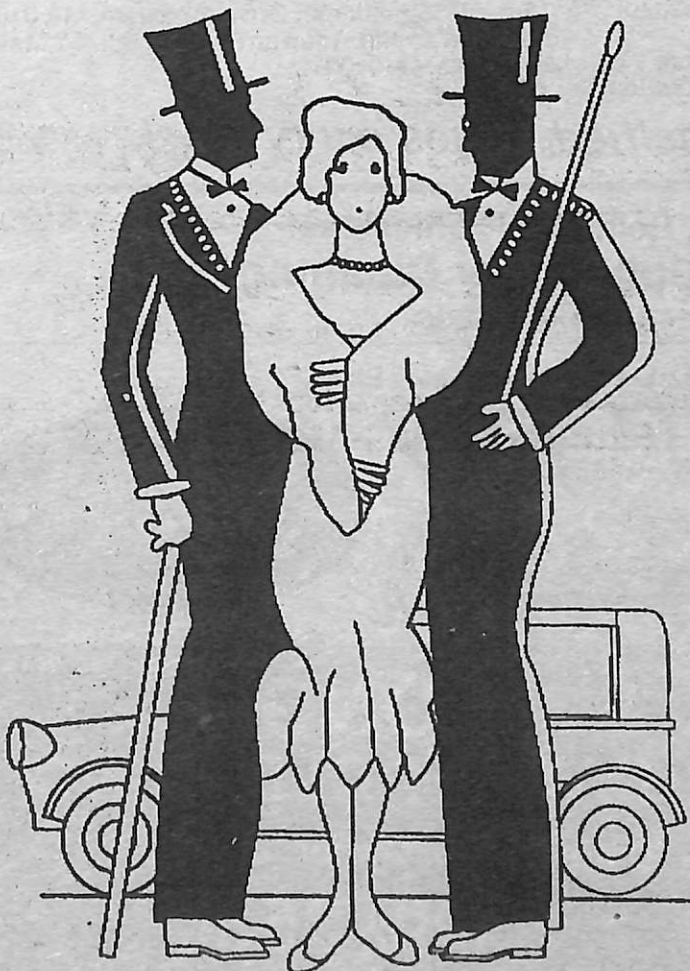
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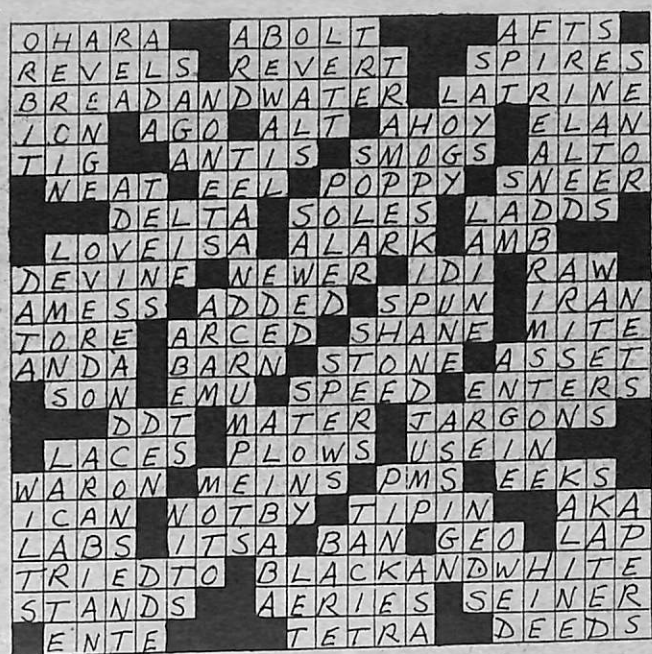
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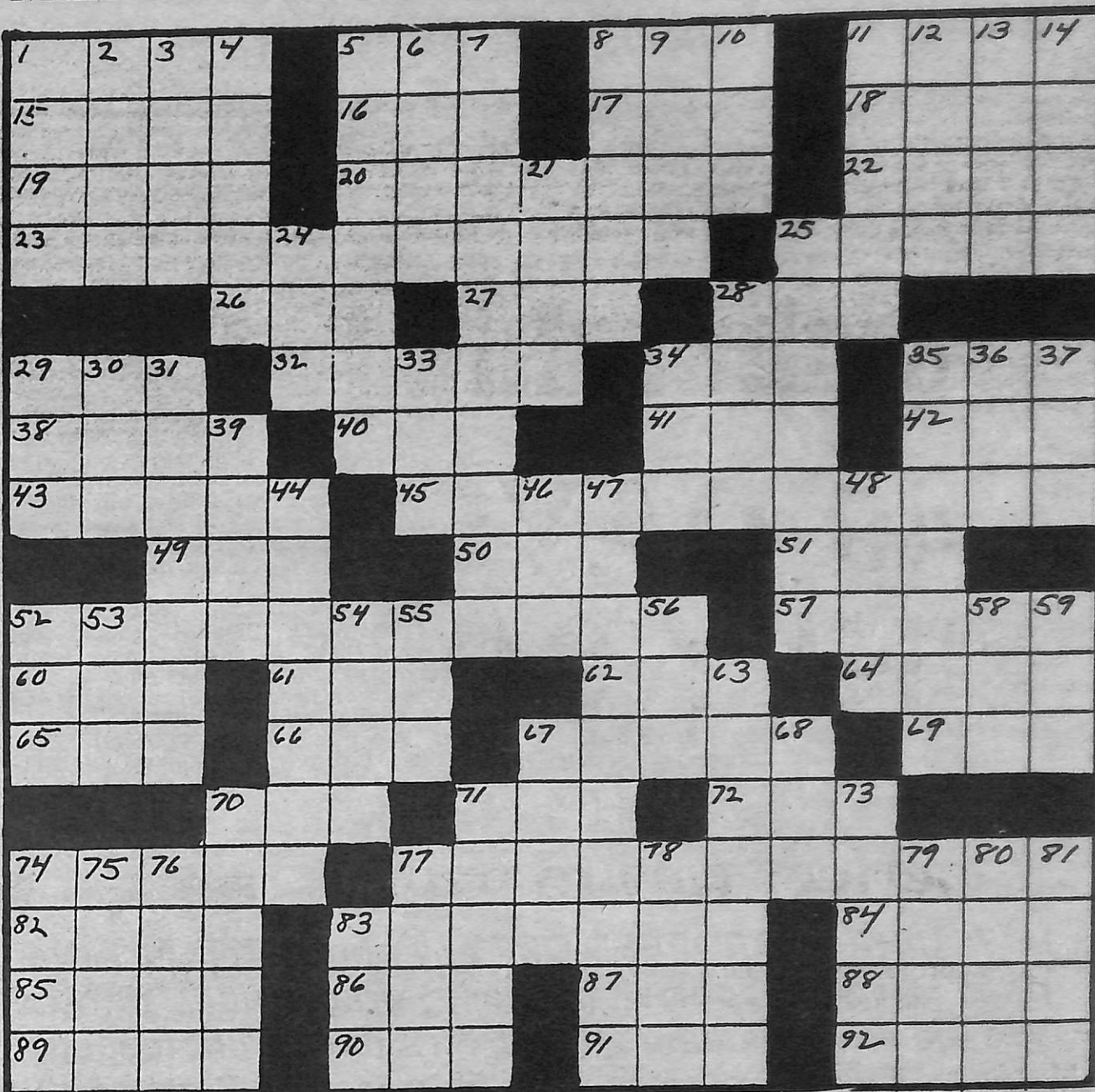
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Agawam Cultural Council Accepting Applications For 1994-'95 Grants

The Agawam Cultural Council is now accepting applications for individuals and non-profit organizations for projects in the 1994-1995 grant cycle.

The deadline for the grants is October 14, 1994. It is required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council that all applications be typed and either postmarked or delivered by the due date.

Local council funds are used to support programs in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in Massachusetts. This includes the study, pursuit, performance, exhibition, and enjoyment of cultural activities in the broadest sense.

Arts involve performing arts, folk arts, visual arts, media arts, design arts, crafts, and literary arts. Humanities deal in language, reason, creativity, human values, and aspirations.

Examples of humanities include, but are not limited to: history, literature, art appreciation,

social studies, and philosophy.

Interpretive sciences are those activities which connect science to everyday life. Examples of eligible organizations may include: aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums and science and technology centers.

Grant applications must be for a project of benefit to the Agawam community. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis only.

Applications and detailed guidelines for grants are available at either the reference desk of the Agawam Public Library or the Agawam Town Hall.

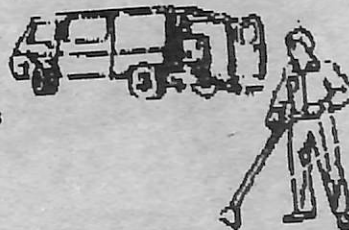
Completed applications may be mailed to JoAnne Condon, Chairman, Agawam Cultural Council, 65 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01001 or delivered to the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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Unique Summer Vacation...

Ecuador Summer For AHS Junior Selena Machia

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

While most teens were planning for a relaxing vacation with friends, hanging out, and frequenting the beach, one local teenager had a different summer in mind. A soon-to-be junior at Agawam High School, Selena Machia of Feeding Hills packed her bags and headed for Ecuador as a member of the American Intercultural Program's Summer Exchange Program (AFS).

Selena's interest in international travel was ignited when her family hosted a foreign exchange student in 1990-91 and 1992-93. So, it came as little surprise to her friends and family when she decided to take the plunge and go to South America herself. "My family always knew I wanted to travel. They encouraged me and they were happy for me," Selena told *The Advertiser News*.

Through the help of the local chapter of AFS, Selena was able to plan a wonderful summer. AFS has been helping Agawam's students raise the necessary funds for travel for 20 years now.

In the summer of 1993, Agawam AFS sponsored 1994 AHS graduate Laura Asta-Ferrero on a summer exchange to Spain; in 1992, Kristin Gallerani, a 1993 AHS graduation, spent a summer in Paraguay.

Moreover, Agawam AFS sponsored Stephen DeCoteau, also a 1994 AHS graduate, to spend his entire senior year in Mexico. Currently, AHS student Jeannette Bilodeau is spending a year sponsored by AFS in The Netherlands.

Selena became interested in the AFS program as a freshman at AHS and she began attending the meetings of the school's AFS Student Club. Selena will be co-president of the AHS club with Rosemarie Oppedisano during 1994-95.

When trying to decide which country to travel to, Selena knew she wanted a Spanish speaking nation in South America. During the narrowing down process, Selena remembered Mercedes Vera Pinto, an AFS exchange teacher from Ecuador who came to Agawam from January to June 1993. That fact, coupled with a little bit of research, and Selena found Ecuador to be one of the safest and nicest countries in that part of the world. She kept her fingers crossed that Ecuador would be selected as the host country by AFS.

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AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR SELENA MACHIA in her host city of Cuenca, Ecuador with friend Priscilla Encalada. Cuenca is 9,000 feet above sea level.



AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR SELENA MACHIA with her host family in Cuenca, Ecuador. From left - Selena, Leonardo Polo, host father; Rosanna, host sister; Cecilia Torres Polo, host mother; and Sebastian, host brother.

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Began Planning In February

Selena began planning for her big trip back in February when she was asked to fill out application forms. During the selection process, the applicant's class standing is looked at and an interview with both the student traveler and their family is conducted by representatives of the local AFS Chapter.

After AFS gave Selena the go-ahead, traveling expenses had to be considered. Due to Selena's part-time job at a local ice cream parlor, little money had to be raised. Selena explained, "I pretty much did it myself."



AFS EXCHANGE STUDENT Selena Machia is pictured with her host grandparents, the Polos, in Ecuador.

So on June 27th, armed with a camera in one hand and a suitcase in the other, Selena was ready for her seven-week adventure. To kick-off the trip, a large group of American AFS students from around the country and bound for Latin and South America met for an AFS orientation at Miami University in Florida. There, the teens were able to ask questions and learn a little bit about the new culture they were about to step into.

**Todd Zern
Receives
Scholarship**

Feeding Hills resident Todd Zern was among 55 area students pursuing an education in health career fields to receive \$35,775 in scholarships from the Baystate Medical Center Auxiliary in Springfield.

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With a total of eight hours in the air under her belt, Selena and the other students then landed in Ecuador and stepped off the plane into a foreign land. "We were so excited we cheered when we landed," she told us.

Selena was greeted at the airport by a beautiful bouquet of flowers in the arms of her host family. Her "new" family of six lived in one of the larger cities, Cuenca, located in southern Ecuador. But it wasn't easy at first—the temperature wasn't exactly what she had expected.

Selena was under the impression that since the equator runs right through Ecuador, it would be pretty steamy down there. Her city was located in the Andes Mountains (9,000 feet) where the temperature hovers in the 70's. After purchasing some hand-made sweaters, Selena learned to adjust. Another adjustment was the ever-present language barrier.

"I was really quiet when I arrived. After a day or two, however, I began to understand." Selena had taken three years of Spanish classes at AHS, which helped. "It made it a little bit easier. At least I had a clue," explained Selena. By the conclusion of her trip, Selena admits her Spanish progressed nicely, and she's being quite modest.

If you were to catch Selena on a typical day in Cuenca, you would find her taking a morning hike near her home through the Andes, followed by a big family lunch. At 1:00 p.m. every afternoon, Selena's entire host family would come back from work for the feast. In Selena's case, the entire family encompassed many people. There were seven houses on her host family's property. Every house was home to relatives.

Usually Selena's afternoons were spent in the center of town, either shopping or hanging out with friends. "I became good friends with the other AFS students," explained Selena. She told *The AAN* that it was difficult to make friends at first. "My host brothers and sister helped," she said. They would introduce Selena to all of their friends, trying to make her feel at home. "You have to learn to be a little more outgoing when you're there," according to her.

Dance Clubs, Family & Friends Will Be Missed

After an afternoon with friends, Selena would spend dinner time with her family then head out for local night clubs between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. "We don't have that here," Selena said, referring to the dance clubs. That will be one of the things she will miss about Ecuador, along with her new

friends and family.

While in South America, Selena got homesick for some American food. "We ate a lot of rice and soup, and lots of fruit," explained Selena. "They eat guinea pig—even the nails! I was dying for American food."



SELENA MACHIA and friends - Patrick, Mrs. Bower, Morgan, Priscilla, and Aaron in Ecuador.

Now back at home, Selena is looking forward to seeing all of her friends at school. Besides AFS, Selena keeps herself busy with tennis and SAVE, the school's environmental club. When Selena graduates from AHS, she hopes to continue her study of foreign languages and cultures. One day Selena hopes to be either a translator or involved in international business.

Selena had a wonderfully memorable time in Ecuador. "Everyone was really friendly. And this is definitely something I'd like to experience again," she added.

Selena is the daughter of Al and Teri Machia. She has one brother, Jeff, a ninth grader at AHS.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 5th: Labor Day (no school).

Tuesday, September 6th: Cheese-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, September 7th: Mini cold-cut grinder with cheese, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, chilled peaches in whip topping, milk.

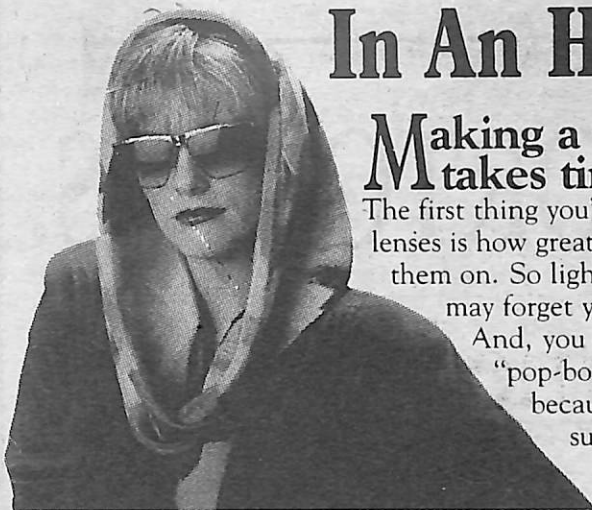
Thursday, September 8th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, rosy applesauce, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread & butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, September 9th: Oven-baked sea nuggets with tartar sauce, oven potato puffs with cat-sup, creamy coleslaw, ice cream, milk.

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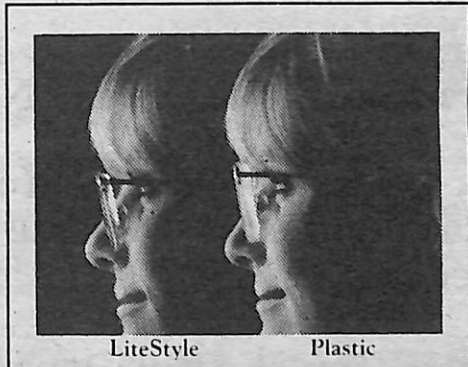
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Hoping To Move Forward In 1994-'95...

Furtado To Stress Discipline, Academics At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Looking back on his first year as the principal of Agawam High School, Russell Furtado spoke candidly about the progress he has made as well as the disappointments and stumbling blocks he has encountered in his attempts at tightening up discipline and improving morale and efficiency at the school.

Furtado said he views his position as being an enabler who finds the means to support the programs offered at AHS.

At times discouraged by a lack of cooperation from some staff members, Furtado said, "I know I can make a positive impact. It's slow, but it's coming. Mr. Ryder (Superintendent of Schools) has given me tremendous support."

Among his successes, Furtado counts an improvement in curtailing the number of students leaving the campus during school hours. According to Furtado, the Police Department has been "very supportive of my efforts. They have brought kids back to school."

This year, Furtado will announce a revised policy on the number of absences a student may have each term before losing credit in a course. In keeping with his often-stated commitment to preparing students to enter the job market, Furtado said, "We have to start looking at businesses. No employer would put up with numerous tardies and absences."

Starting in September, students will lose credit after 11 absences in a half-year period. After five absences, a letter will be sent informing the parents; after eight absences, a conference will be scheduled for the parents and student to meet with an assistant principal.

Furtado said there will no longer be a distinction between excused (a note sent from home in the case of illness) and unexcused absence. In the case of long-term absence due to illness or injury, home tutoring will be arranged, Furtado said. Students are not considered absent if they miss class due to participation in a school function, although their work must be made up, Furtado added.

Two Plus Two Program

In addition to working on the school's disciplinary code, Furtado has been busy investigating ways to bring new opportunities to the students at AHS. Furtado has been working with Springfield Technical Community College to bring the "Two Plus Two Program" to AHS drafting and accounting students. Students who enroll in the program have the chance to earn college credit for their work in business or technical courses.

Furtado said he is trying to set up a similar program with Holyoke Community College for culinary arts students.

Depending on scheduling, Furtado said he hopes to teach a class in student government next year. The students will learn how government works and how to work in committees to achieve their goals. "Basically, we're training them to be leaders," Furtado said.

Close cooperation with the Police Department has resulted in several students withdrawing from school rather than face expulsion for drugs or weapons possession, Furtado said. Unannounced locker searches yielded one knife and two instances of drug possession at the school. "In each case, the student was arrested," Furtado said.

In addition, one student withdrew from school as a result of an investigation into a gambling operation at the school that had several students accumulating debts in the hundreds of dollars with student "bookies."

Furtado said it was his policy to advise parents and students who are withdrawing from school of their options. They include searching out a school system participating in school choice that might accept them as students, and the possibility of exploring programs designed to help students obtain a G.E.D. in lieu of a high school diploma. "We don't just say withdraw and good-bye," Furtado added.

Furtado said it was not his policy to accept students back who have withdrawn (or been expelled) for drug or weapons violations. However, students who have withdrawn for other offenses, such as fighting, may get a second chance by signing a behavior contract detailing the student's responsibility for re-admission to the school.

During graduation and prom season, Furtado enlisted the help of parents and the Police Department to keep the students safe from alcohol and drug-related accidents with a letter sent home urging parents to closely monitor their young people's celebrations. "I didn't want to see any of our kids getting hurt," Furtado said. "I care too much about all of them."

Among the challenges, Furtado can look forward to a rapidly growing population as over 350 incoming freshmen swell the total enrollment to nearly 1,050 students in '94-'95. The incoming

freshman class will add about 150 students to the school's population and projections for the years ahead show an expected 1,400 students at AHS by the year 2,000.

In order to meet the educational needs of his students, Furtado has reviewed the courses being offered in the fall. Courses with low enrollment may have to be cancelled and teachers may have to be assigned to teach courses outside their areas. Furtado said social studies was an area of major concern, but he said the experienced staff would have no problems taking over an unfamiliar subject.

If possible, students in under-subscribed courses would be included as a grouping in a related course. For example, a few Bookkeeping I students might be taught in a Bookkeeping II

class.

Plans For School Addition In The Works

The AHS School Improvement Council has already submitted a plan for an addition at the school to the School Committee and the space needs committee will present its recommendations for an addition to the school at the July 12th meeting.

Impressed with the long hours of dedicated work by the School Improvement Council, Furtado displayed the 11-page document prepared by the council for the School Committee's consideration.

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Furtado expressed his gratitude for the level of parent involvement, ranging from the formation of the new Parent, Teacher, Student Organization to the formation of a committee of parents dedicated to improving the woefully inadequate library at the school.

According to Furtado, the library is presently 8,000 volumes short of the standard for a high school library. With the help of parent volunteers and support from the business community, Furtado hopes to build up the library's collection and extend the hours the library is available to the students. "I'd love to do it with volunteers," Furtado said.

Furtado noted the willingness of the community to support the needs of the school. With supplies running out for the copier system, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce rose to the occasion by purchasing the needed supplies and Peter Forastiere (of Forastiere Family Funeral Homes) agreed to underwrite the cost of the Orange and Brown Awards instituted by the Staff Appreciation Committee. Furtado said he deeply appreciated such support from the community.

With his family still living on Cape Cod, Furtado maintains a daunting schedule balancing work and family responsibilities.

Although his family had originally planned to join him in Agawam this year, Furtado said his wife, Elaine, a computer teacher, and their four daughters would remain at the Cape where the girls are involved in school activities.

Most Mondays and Thursdays, Furtado returns to the school after having dinner to catch up on paperwork, often remaining at his desk until 10:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon usually means a drive to the Cape for an overnight stay with his family and an early morning return trip to be back at AHS before 7:30 on Thursday morning. On Friday afternoon, it's on the road again for a weekend at home.

Still, Furtado clearly relishes the hectic pace his unique situation demands and despite some resistance to the changes he's been putting in place at AHS, Furtado points with pride to the accomplishments of his first year and remains committed to continued progress.

"I'm proud to be the principal of this school," Furtado said. "I look forward to coming in every day. If I didn't, I wouldn't be here."

Children's School Plan Open House

On Friday, September 9th, The Children's Center Nursery School will hold its annual open house to acquaint the incoming students with their classmates, play areas, and teachers.

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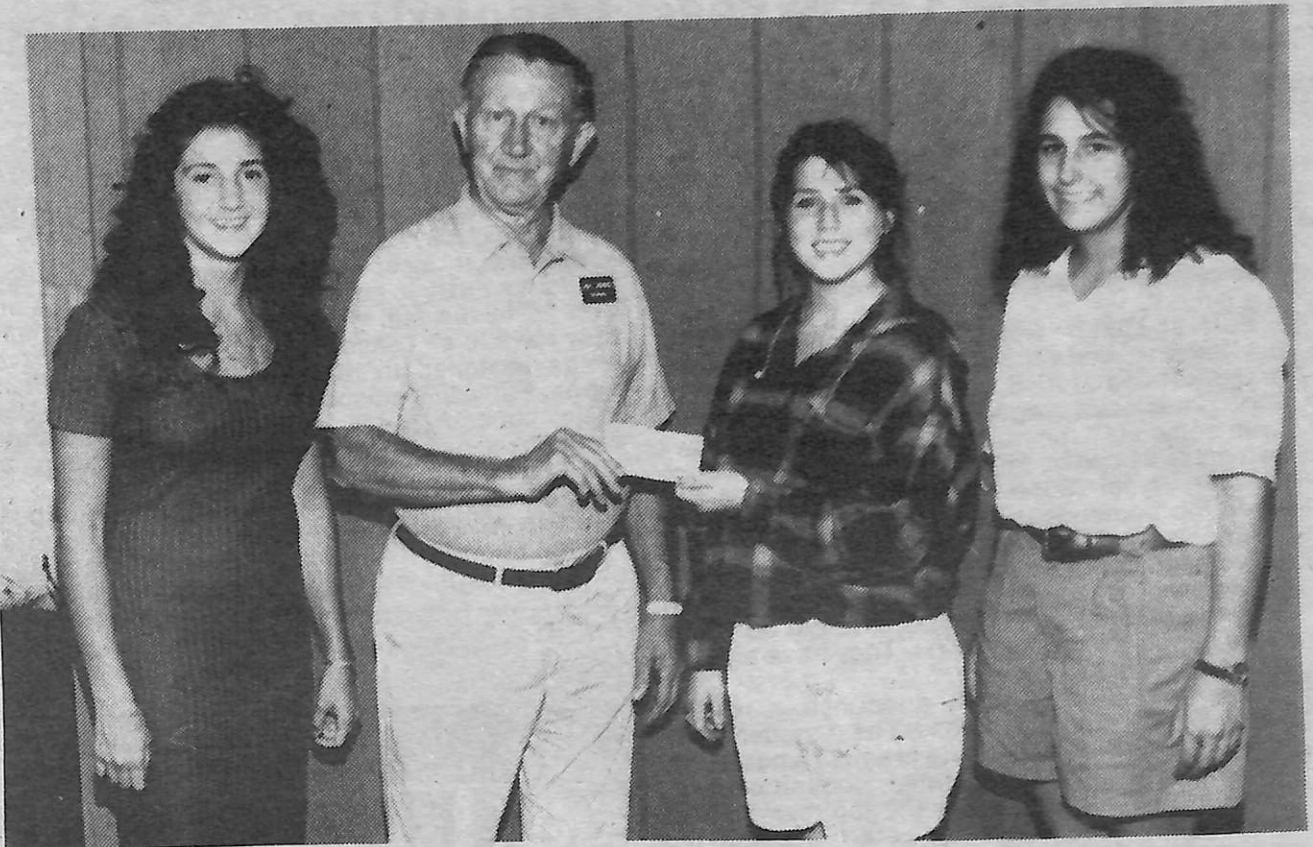
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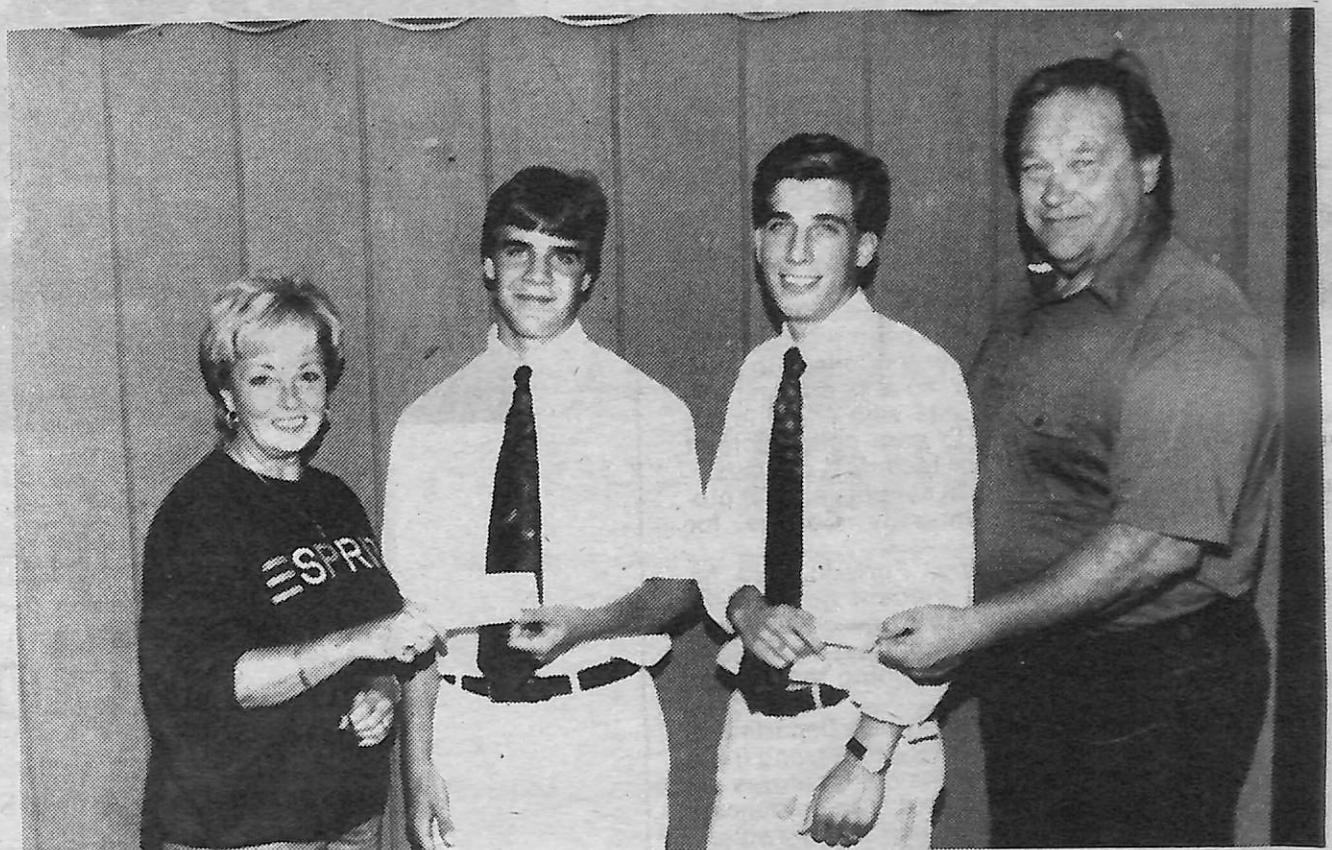
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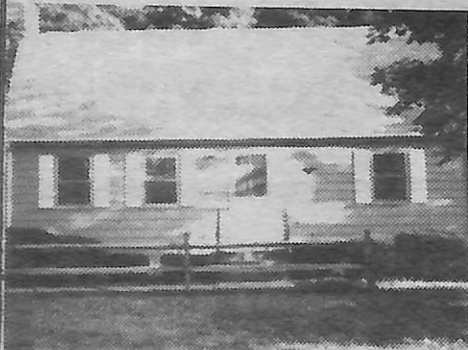
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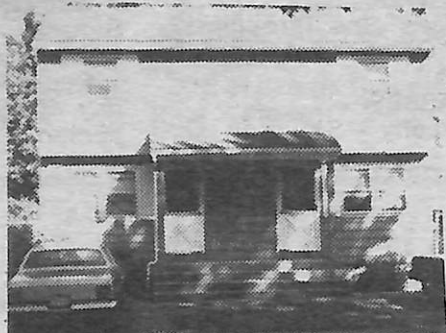
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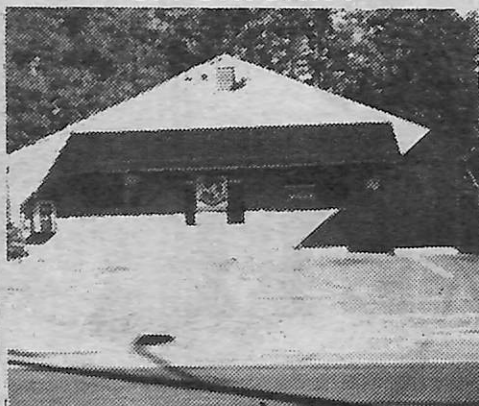
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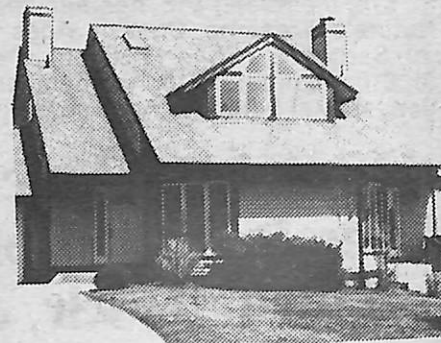
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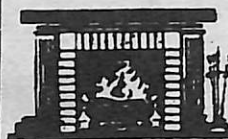
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The Springfield Science Museum is offering a variety of activity-oriented classes and workshops for children and adults this fall.

Walk-in registration will be held at the museum on Saturday, September 3rd, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for members of the Library and Museums, and from 11:00 a.m. to noon for nonmembers.

Mail-in or phone registrations with Mastercard or VISA will be accepted beginning Tuesday, September 6th.

For complete course descriptions, call the Science Museum at (413) 733-1194.

Fall Little Explorers - Ages 3½-5, Tuesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., September 27th-November 29th; \$70, members; \$80, nonmembers.

Kindergartners I - Age five, Tuesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., September 27th-November 29th; \$72, members; \$82, nonmembers.

Kindergartners II - Age five, Tuesday, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., September 27th-November 29th; \$72, members; \$82, nonmembers.

Kindergartners III - Age 5, Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., September 28th-November 30th; \$72, members; \$82, nonmembers.

Hearts, Smarts and Body Parts - Ages four through six, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

My Favorite Time of Year - Ages four through six, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 15th, 22nd, 29th; \$24, members; \$27, nonmembers.

Teddy Bear's Picnic - Ages four through six, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., December 3rd, 10th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Roving Reptiles - Ages five through seven, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Digging Into Dinosaurs - Ages five through seven, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th; \$24, members; \$27, nonmembers.

Huggers and Hoppers - Ages five through seven, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., December 3rd, 10th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Nature's Treasure Chest - Ages six through eight, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., December 3rd, 10th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Sensational Science - Ages seven through nine,

Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Spiders, Snakes and Bats, Oh My! - Ages seven through nine, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 15th, 22nd, 29th; \$24, members; \$27, nonmembers.

Secrets of Survival - Ages eight through 10, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Birds of Prey - Ages eight through 10, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 15th, 22nd, 29th; \$24, members; \$27, nonmembers.

African Safari - Ages eight through 10, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th; \$24, members; \$27, nonmembers.

Winter Wonderland - Ages eight through 10, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., December 3rd, 10th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

Chemical Mysteries - Ages nine through 12, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th; \$16, members; \$18, nonmembers.

ADULT CLASSES

Creative Nature Photography - Saturday, Oc-

tober 8th, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; October 29th, 10:00 a.m.-noon; \$47, members; \$51, seniors; \$56, nonmembers.

The Structure of Memory - Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th; \$25, members; \$27, seniors; \$30, nonmembers.

Animal Intelligence - Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., October 29th, November 5th; \$25, members; \$27, seniors; \$30, nonmembers.

FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Tetrahedron Kites - Ages five through adult, Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., October 15th, \$3.50 per person.

Treasured Trash - Ages five through adult, Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., October 29th, \$3.50 per person.

Kitchen Chemistry - Ages five through adult, Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., November 12th, \$3.50 per person.

Paper Aviation - Ages five through adult, Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., December 3rd, \$3.50 per person.

AHS Adult Education Slates Registration For Sept. 12th, 13th, & 14th

Registration for the fall term of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, September 12th, 13th, and 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, September 19th, Tuesday, September 20th, and Wednesday, September 21st from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 19th and end on Wednesday, November 30th. The tuition charge is \$55 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered for the winter term:

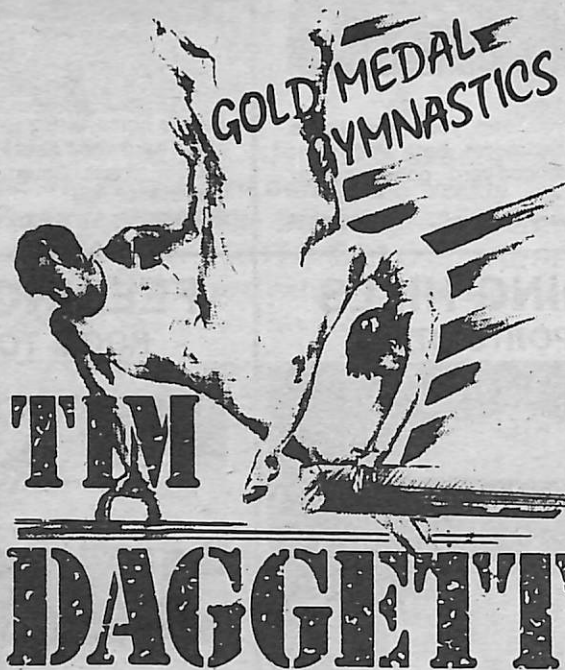
Mondays: *Academic Courses for High School Diploma; Beginning Guitar; Lotus 1-2-3; Typing I.

Tuesdays: Accounting I; Algebra I; Conversational Italian; Conversational Spanish; Intro to Track Recording; SAT Preparation - Verbal & Math.

Wednesdays: *Academic Courses for High School Diploma; Algebra II; Chemistry; Computer Concepts; Italian Cooking; Oil Painting; Word Perfect I.

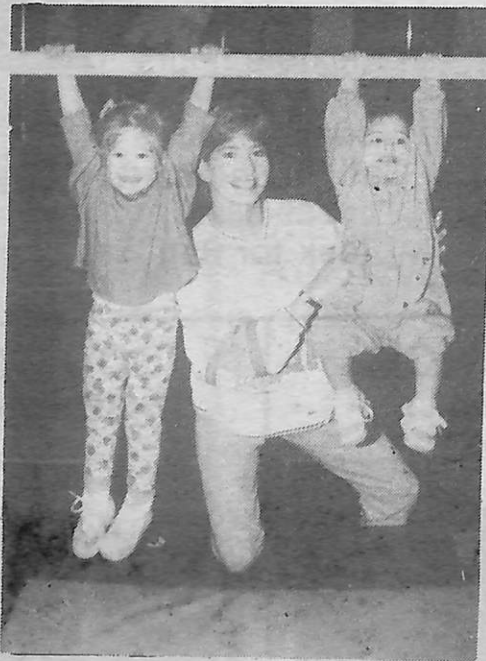
* Includes English 9, 10, 11, 12, U.S. History, Psychology, General Math, Business Math, General Science, World History.

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Big Y Honors Carl Vivenzio With Scholarship

Big Y has continued its commitment to education by awarding 60 scholarships to students in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Carl Vivenzio, son of Valentino and Barbara Vivenzio of Feeding Hills, received a \$500 Paul and Gerald D'Amour Founders' Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Carl is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School. He is currently majoring in marketing at Western New England College.

The Big Y scholarship program has grown from six to 60 awards since its establishment in 1981. Included in the program are a series of fellowships which honor the late Paul H. D'Amour, who founded Big Y in 1936 with his brother, Gerald D'Amour.

As well, there is a scholarship series that was originally funded by Big Y employees to commemorate Big Y's 50th anniversary, and two more awards to recognize the contributions of area residents during the Desert Shield/Storm crisis.

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Big Y is dedicated to many other education programs throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Big Y begins this commitment by sponsoring *Sesame Street* for pre-school and early elementary aged children.

Big Y also sponsors the "Homework Hotline," a toll-free homework assistance service for students, staffed by local teachers. This year alone, Big Y contributed \$1,700,000 of educational equipment to schools participating in its "Education Express" program.

Big Y is the largest locally-owned supermarket chain in central and western Massachusetts and Connecticut. Headquartered in Springfield, Massachusetts, the company operates 30 stores and employs over 4,500 people.

Agawam High School PTSO Plans 1st Meeting Of New School Year

The Agawam High School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization will hold its first meeting of the school year on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the teacher's cafeteria of the High School.

Parents, teachers, and students are invited. This meeting will be for planning the agenda. The PTSO is looking for suggestions and people to share their time.

The PTSO is trying to bring the "Harlem Wizards" to this community. The "Harlem Wizards" is a basketball team that compares to the "Harlem Globetrotters."

Fitness First is scheduled to reopen its Saturday night program for AHS students only on October 1st. A \$3 charge, plus school I.D. is required.

Other events that need to be planned are library improvement, ethnic awareness, Girl Talk,

Field/Carnival Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, a theme contest, pep rallies, and many more ideas.

The Parent, Teacher, Student Organization has established a goal to UNIFY the school and get back that "GOOD OLE SCHOOL SPIRIT." Your suggestions and help are wanted.

We are not going to be a fundraising organization! Starting in October, our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the High School. We welcome you to attend. If you would like to get in touch with one of us, please call Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982 or Nancy Melbourne at 786-1418.

The High School is also looking for many different types of parent or community volunteers. Mr. Furtado is looking for adults who would be interested in tutoring, sharing their skills or trades, or being hall monitors. Any other ideas are also welcome.

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Miller Hall Officially Dedicated At Phelps During Ceremony

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It finally became official on June 23rd, the last day of school. The front foyer of Benjamin Phelps School was officially designated Miller Hall in honor of William Miller who retired in January after serving as the school's principal for 20 years.

Of course, to the Phelps School family, the hallway has been known as Miller Hall since the day he retired in January when his portrait, along with a plaque inscribed "Miller Hall," was placed in the entryway. It was located near the deacon's bench and potted plant (given to Miller by his staff) so that he would always have a place to make himself comfortable on his visits to the school.

However, it wasn't going to be quite that simple for the school to honor its former principal. After an emotional farewell tribute by the students and staff in January, it was discovered that renaming or dedicating a portion of a school building had to be officially sanctioned by the School Committee.

Unanimous approval was given at a School Committee meeting last spring, paving the way for the formal dedication ceremony in June.

39 Years Of Dedicated Service

With his wife, Carol, looking on, Miller received a citation from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson School Committee chairman, in recognition of Miller's 39 years of dedicated service to the Agawam schools.

"I've known Bill Miller since I was five years-old," Johnson said, fondly recalling his years as an elementary school student at the former Danahy School, where Miller served as the principal before taking over the reins at Phelps in 1974.

Johnson gave the gathering of parents, teachers, and school administrators a glimpse into the character-building lessons Miller used to guide the students in his care.

As a fifth grade bus patrol member feeling overwhelmed by the responsibilities of the job, Johnson had tried to give up his assignment, only to be told he had been specifically chosen for the job and would have to "stick it out until the end of the year."

"Sticking it out to the end—that's my most vivid memory of Bill Miller," Johnson said. "I can't say enough about the positive impact you've had on my life. I know you come back to Phelps often and we want you to be a part of Phelps and a part of the Agawam School System."

Calling the dedication of the hallway a "fitting tribute," Johnson said, "The least we could do to honor Bill Miller is to remind everyone who comes into the building who the principal was."

Commenting on the importance of the leadership qualities a principal brings to the position, Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder noted, "The identity of a school is the identity of the principal. The spirit Mr. Miller is leaving with the staff is just outstanding."

Momentarily overcome with emotion, Miller was at first unable to respond to the tributes and accolades aimed at him, causing long-time teaching colleague and fourth grade teacher Celia Ucella to joke, "We're not used to seeing you speechless. You're never at a loss for words."

Recovering himself, Miller noted the great honor it was to have the entrance to the school named for him. "When you enter, you'll see it first," Miller commented.

Noting that half of his life had been spent as an elementary school principal, Miller spoke with obvious pride in the accomplishments of his staff during his tenure as the Phelps School principal.

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON and former Phelps School Principal William Miller pose with PTO members in the newly-named "Miller Hall" at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Register Receipts Pay Dividends At AHS



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL was able to receive 100 new calculators for math students at the school as part of a program promoted by Big Y Supermarkets. Holding certificates for their roles in the program include, from left - Burton A. Root, Nancy Rivers, Debbie Casinghino, Maryann Spring, teacher Pat Bertone-Gross, and Principal Russell G. Furtado. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BRENDA L. GOOSHAW SAMSON

AIC Appoints Agawam Woman

Brenda L. Gooshaw Samson of 6 Gunn Geary Lane in Agawam has been appointed development officer and director of the annual fund for the Office for Development at American International College. The announcement was made recently by James D. Riddle, vice president for development.

"As a development professional at the College, Samson will direct the annual fund campaign and its three main divisions: phonathon, leadership giving, and reunion giving," Riddle said.

Prior to her appointment at AIC, Samson served as office manager for the College of Saint Rose Office of Development and Alumni Relations in Albany, New York. Her duties included giving training sessions to office assistants, developing marketing pieces, and promoting events, as well as helping to organize and supervise fundraising campaigns, including college phonathons.

A native of Elmira, New York, Samson also worked as marketing coordinator for Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate in Latham and Albany, New York, and as a sales assistant for Realty USA in Albany and Loudonville, New York.

Samson graduated from Longmeadow High School. She earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from Schenectady County Community College and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from The College of Saint Rose.

Four Agawam Teachers Selected By HCC For Leadership Institute

Four Agawam teachers were selected this summer by Holyoke Community College, a sponsor, to attend a three-day Leadership Institute titled "Building Bridges Between School and Work."

They were Ann Bellico from Phelps School, Jeanne Forgette of the Agawam Middle School, Andy Kraus from Agawam Junior High School, and Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal of the Agawam High School.

This institute was held in conjunction with West Springfield High School and the Hampden County Regional Employment Board.

It basically educated those attending about the School-To-Work Opportunities Act, jointly administered by the Departments of Education and Labor which aims to bring together partnerships of employers, educators, and others concerned to build high quality school-to-work systems that prepare young people not attending college.

It was thought that teachers should get all students thinking of a career as early as kindergarten with a follow through all their school years. A structured path is definitely needed and one has to be a prophet these days for profit.

The forecast is that it will take a person 10 years to get situated in a job that will sufficiently support him/her and the worker of the future will have at least eight different jobs, therefore, must be prepared to wear that many different hats.

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Miller said he was proud to report that during brainstorming sessions on ways to improve the school system, he noted that "Phelps teachers have been doing the things we brainstormed about for years. Many things that are commonplace throughout the town started here.

"My educational philosophy and that of the entire Phelps family was gratifyingly recognized and acknowledged by the Massachusetts Department of Education in its most recent audit of our Special Needs Department," Miller said. "I am very proud and thankful to have been the principal of Phelps School at a time when its uniqueness was noted as 'exemplary'."

'A Model School'

The Department of Education report recognized and validated Miller's commitment to the individual child, stating, "The staff and principal at the Phelps School exhibited an attitude of genuine and warm acceptance of all children, and a

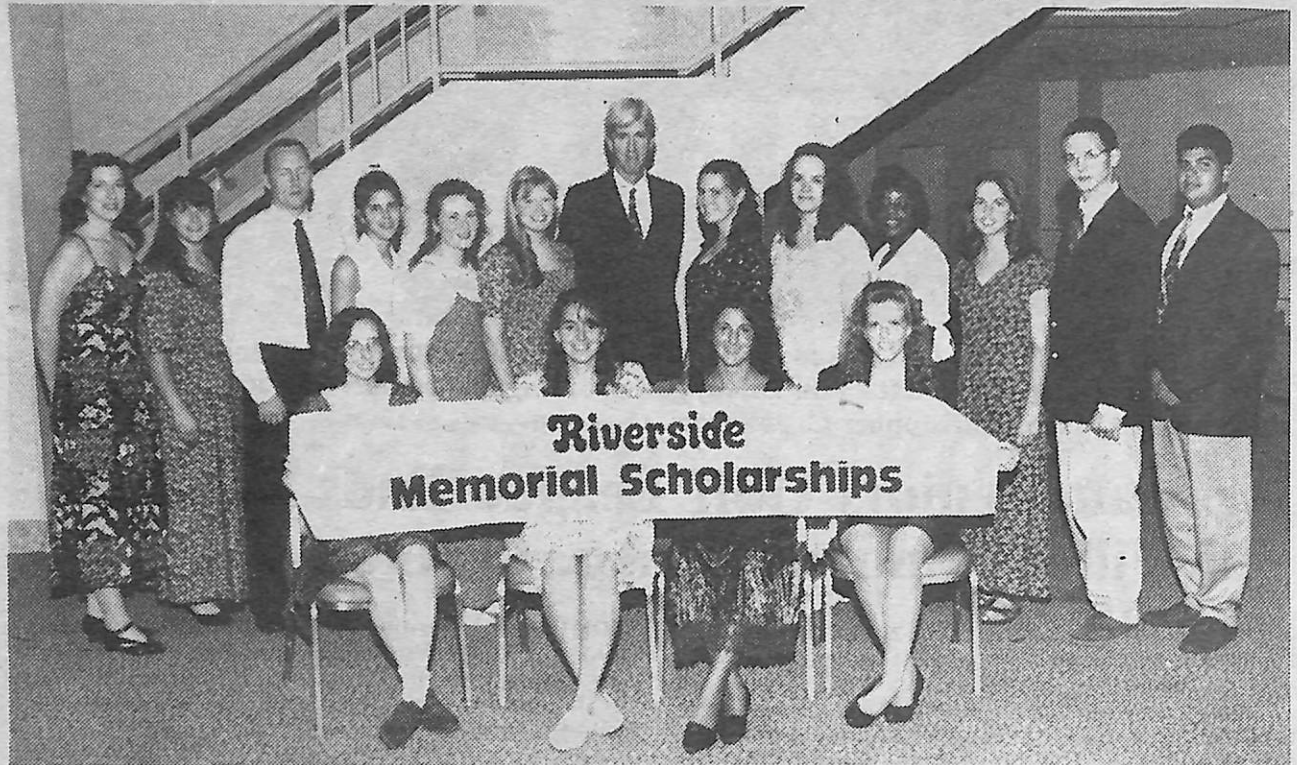
deep sense of commitment to providing quality education to all of their students regardless of learning challenges presented. The result is a model school where staff, students and parents are cooperatively and enthusiastically working together for the benefit of all."

Explaining his commitment to special education students and to all his students, Miller posed the situation of a parent faced with providing for a child with special needs. "What would you do? There is no choice. You do what's best for them (the children)."

Paying tribute to Miller on behalf of the students and parents of Phelps School, parent Susan Dempsey said, "We thank you for helping the children reach their dreams."

Moved by the emotional tribute to her husband's chosen life's work, Carol Miller noted, "He always put the children first. I've always been proud of him."

Representing the School Committee at the dedication were Roberta Doering, Teresa Kozloski, and Scott Macey.



RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR Edward Carroll, Jr. (center) is pictured with \$1,000 scholarship winners at a dinner held at the Sheraton Tara in Springfield. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Riverside Presents 17 \$1,000 Scholarships

Winners of the Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Scholarship were announced at a dinner at the Sheraton Tara in Springfield on Monday, August 15th. Seventeen Riverside Park employees were presented with scholarships for \$1,000 each to continue their education.

The winners are as follows:

Amy Baldyga, Merchandise; Jennifer Mary Bell, Merchandise; John Broderick, Cash Control; Joy-Ann Conte, Admission; Michelle Dutton, Admission; Cheryl Dyson, Admission; Karen Fragano, First Aid; Michael Garcia, Rides North; Catherine Henry, Entertainment; Cynthia Hodge, Foods; Karen Kavanaugh, Cash Control; John Maziarz, Games; Rebecca Miller, Games; Stacey Moisuk,

Admission; Rose Pignatare, Admission; Kerry Thompson, Keyhole Photo; and Sarah Morneau, Admission.

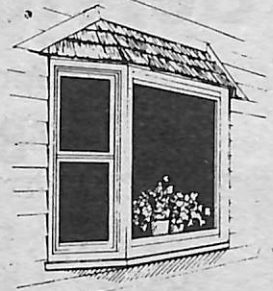
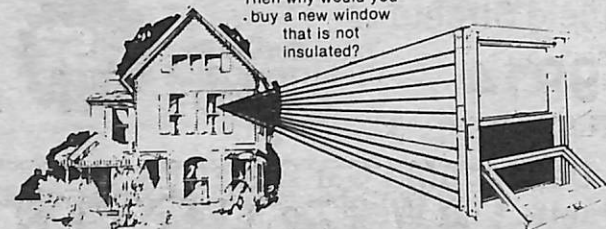
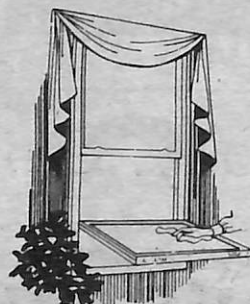
A successful golf tournament that was organized by Riverside's T.C. Freeman in June enabled the Park to give out such a large number of scholarships.

"Edward J. Carroll, Sr., whom the scholarship fund is in memory of, always cared a great deal for the development of any young person who came to work here," said his daughter, Patti, now a special events organizer at the Park. "I'm sure he'd be very happy to see these 17 people benefit from our efforts to provide continuing education."

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Sports



AGAWAM COUNTRY CLUB had a good group of senior citizens participating in a golf league this summer. From left - Ron Dunn, golf pro; league members Bob Johnson and Ray Charest; and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Seniors Golf League Ends Fun-Filled Summer At Ag. Country Club

The Agawam Seniors Golf League has concluded play this season with a fun-filled Field Day on August 25th at Agawam Country Club.

Twenty 60 year-old or older men participated in the league, and all indications are that the league was a success. The players are already looking forward to next year. It was great to see the interest and the enthusiasm the golfers showed all during the season.

It's unquestionable that more golfers will sign up early for next year to play in the league. A time and place will be announced.

Ray Charest, organizer of the league thanks Bob Johnson for the fine job he did as the league statistician, keeping the record of all the players and the standings of each team.

Also, thanks to Richard Mundo, who with Pete Mathes, provided and handled the food concession on the Field Day. In addition, thanks to Ron Dunn, the golf pro at the Agawam Country Club, for his cooperation in helping the league to be successful.

A plaque donated by Richard Mundo, Executive

Director of the Agawam Senior Center, has the names of **John Powopec** and **Rene Lariviere** inscribed on it as the team that came in first place for the season. Each year, the first place team will have their name inscribed.

A tie for second place was held by **Ed Veto** and **Art Book**, and **Bob Johnson** and **Ted Bajawski**.

The third place winners were **Al Dallapegara** and **George Huba**.

At the Field Day, prizes were awarded to the player who came closest to the pin on hole number three and hole number five. The winners on hole number three were:

First closest: **Ed Veto** - five feet, 10 inches.

Second closest: **Howard Smith** - nine feet, three inches.

The winner for closest to the pin on hole number five was **John Polopek** - 11 feet, four inches.

Although the summer months are slowly coming to a close, many of the golfers who played all summer say that they will continue to play each week until the snow flies.



AGAWAM COUNTRY CLUB Seniors Golf League organizer Ray Charest (left) holds a plaque with the names of John Polopek (center) and Rene Lariviere (right) inscribed on it as the 1994 first place team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Mawaga's Big 25th!

The Agawam Sportsman's Club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with an open house week. The public is invited to attend the functions planned and join in the celebration by participating in the following events:

Sunday, September 11th: A turkey shoot will commence at 12:00 noon;

Monday, September 12th: A turkey seminar by Jim Bolduc at 7:00 p.m.;

Tuesday, September 13th: The Pioneer Boat and Surf Club will hold its first fall meeting at 7:00 p.m.;

Wednesday, September 14th: A seminar on gun maintenance and archery information will begin at 7:00 p.m.;

Thursday, September 15th: The first meeting of the Hampden County Council of Sportsmen for the coming year will be held at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Friday, September 16th: Pistol night. Members bring a guest and shoot for free;

Saturday, September 17th: Archery night. Members bring a guest and shoot for free.

For further information, call 786-4808.

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Strong Senior Linksters



AGAWAM SENIORS Golf League members who enjoyed a great summer at Agawam Country Club included, from left - Ed Veto, John Polopek, and Howard A. Smith. RELATED PHOTOS & STORY on Page 56. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jerry Marquis Makes History With Victory At Riverside Speedway

Jerry Marquis of Enfield, Connecticut became the first rookie in the history of the NASCAR Busch North Series, Grand National Division to win two races in his first year of NASCAR Busch North Series competition by winning the Scranton Pontiac-GMC/NAPA 100 at Riverside Park Speedway, Saturday, August 27th.

Marquis, who qualified the Temporary Environmental Technician Buick sixth fastest, started behind Stubb Fadden of North Haverhill, New Hampshire, Glenn Sullivan of Westbury, New York, Keith Lamell of Essex Junction, Vermont, Tommy Rosati of Agawam, and Andy Santerre of Cherryfield, Maine. Local favorite Rosati earned his fourth Busch Pole Award of the year, but started fourth due to the traditional NASCAR Busch North Series re-draw.

When the green flag waved at 10:02 p.m., Sullivan got the jump on Fadden, who started first. Sullivan's lead was short-lived, however, as Rosati took over on lap four and managed to survive two caution periods, opening up a healthy lead on each restart.

Rosati lost the lead to Marquis when he jumped the restart of the third caution period and was assessed a stop-and-go penalty by NASCAR officials.

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114-foot party boat.

Captain Brad Glas reports that for a little Westfield, Massachusetts girl and her dad, this past Saturday will certainly be a day to remember. John and Karen Quill had entered their names in the "Take a Kid Fishing Program" for a trip aboard the Hel-Cat II, and their names were selected.

John is a member of the Agawam Bowmen and a father who believes in sharing his joys of fishing with his children. The program, sponsored by the Fisherman Magazine and several party fishing boats, is a great idea to encourage the interest of a new generation in the sport.

The Quills caught their share of blues, and we trust that young Karen enjoyed the trip so much that she'll become an avid fishing enthusiast.

The captain went on to say, "As for the fishing, I don't think it gets any better than this! Day trips, Friday night or Saturday night, it doesn't matter. The fishing is just fabulous. Of course, Saturday nights can be dubbed "Mountains of Monsters," given the size of the ocean blues we catch on those trips."

In regard to "Fish of the Week" winners, the same story continues to prevail week in and week out. This week's winner was a 42-inch, 33-pound

striped bass, caught by Chris Silva of New London. It is the largest bass boated so far this year.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR FALL HUNTING in New Hampshire. Believe it or not, fall hunting season is just around the corner. And, despite last year's severe winter, hunting for most species is expected to be good to excellent.

Deer survived the winter better than might have been expected, thanks to a bumper crop of acorns last fall and the winter ending pretty much on schedule in early April.

Steve Weber, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's deer project leader, says prospects for this fall's either-sex hunting days in a number of wildlife management units have been reduced.

Black bear are more numerous and widespread in New Hampshire than they have been in nearly two centuries, and that's good news for hunters.

The 1994 firearms and archery season for bear opens Thursday, September 1st. This year hunting areas are designated by Wildlife Management Units (WMU) rather than by county and town. The use of management units has been adopted so that population can be regulated in each area.

In general, it is a split season—September 1st through November 1st, and November 7th through November 27th.

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PLANNING THE SEPT. 29th March of Dimes Golf Classic at Oak Ridge Golf Course are Matthew King (chairman) and Terry Goudrea, division director of March of Dimes.

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Riverside Speedway Has Busy Racing Schedule For Sept.

Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, Massachusetts, is having one of its most successful years ever, thanks to in excess of 135,000 race fans having already attended the 1994 events.

The NASCAR Winston Racing Series record continues right until the end of September, with action every Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. And this year, the "September Excitement" races will have NASCAR points, plus the adding of several other divisions; it's definitely going to be the most competitive month ever at Riverside Speedway!

The September events begin on Saturday, September 3rd—Labor Day Weekend—with a NAPA/Bud/Snap-On-Tools "Double Point" Show. This five-division special features the NASCAR tour-type Mods, Pro 4 Mods, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. With the points "heating up," it's going to be a battle for the Modified crown between Ruggiero, Kopec, Avery, Park, and more.

For this events, adults are priced at just \$14.99 each, and kids 12 years of age and under are just \$2.99. The pit fee is \$20 per person (everyone over the age of 16), and the pit opens at 11:00 a.m. on the day of the race.

On Labor Day Sunday, September 4th, it's the "Thrills Spectacular Marathon Madness Enduro"—20 death-defying events run in part, rain or shine. The event will comprise a full-size Enduro, a four-cylinder Enduro, Figure 8 races, Strictly Stocks, Pro 4, TQ Midgets, Legend cars, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, half-ton trucks, police races, and a Demolition Derby.

Race day entry is welcome on this date. The pit opens at 11:00 a.m., with action set to begin at 6:00 p.m. Adult admission is priced at \$10.99, and kids (12 and under) are \$2.99 each.

On the following two Saturdays, September 10th and 17th, two more NASCAR point races are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m., plus the addition of three new divisions: the Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, and Legend cars.

What's more, a total of seven divisions will be running on these two evenings, including the Mod Tour for 50 laps, Pro Stocks (30 laps), Late Models (25), and Strictly Stocks (points).

The pits will open at 10:30 a.m. on these dates, and qualifying action for the aforementioned three new additions will begin at 3:00 p.m. The

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March Of Dimes Golf Classic Slated For Thursday, Sept. 29th

The Fourth Annual March of Dimes Golf Classic is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 29th, at the Oak Ridge Golf Course which has been rated with having four of the top holes in Western Massachusetts.

The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The tax-deductible entry fee is \$95 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, a great lunch, golf shirt, cart, a fabulous dinner, prizes, raffle, and an auction.

Many area businesses have donated prizes to the tournament. The auction will offer such items as tickets for two to anywhere in the Continental USA, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, donated by Northwest Airlines, tickets to Atlantic City donated by Village Travel and Peter Pan, and limo rides donated by Michael's and Executive Limo.

Attorney Matthew King, chairman of the event, invites all golfers to join the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies and help to fight birth defects and reduce infant mortality. All monies raised will aid the March of Dimes in their mission by way of research, public and professional education, community service, and advocacy.

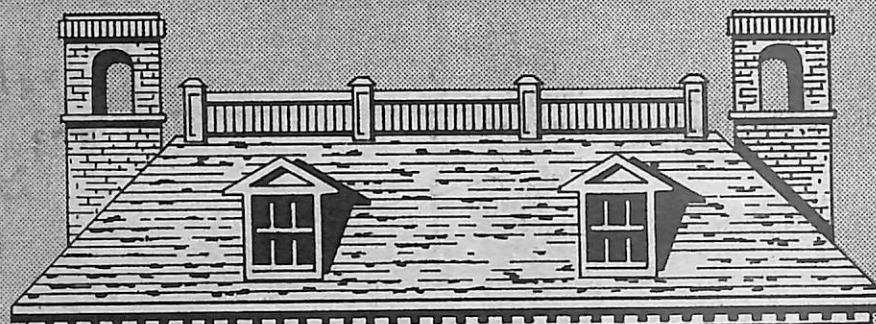
The local volunteers have made a strong commitment to the March of Dimes and have wonderful plans for the coming year. Presently, the March of Dimes is offering a "Babies and You" program (pre-natal educational seminars) to businesses in Hampden County. The New North Citizens' Council is the grant recipient to offer their clients good pre-natal education.

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Ruggiero Comes Thru As Modified Winner At Riverside Speedway

On Saturday, August 27th, Busch Night at Riverside Speedway, the four NASCAR Winston Racing Series divisions provided a real show to highlight the Busch Grand National North Special Event.

It was competitive short track racing at its best. And one of the veteran drivers of the NASCAR Modified Tour dominated the NASCAR Modified Special Event. It was "The Reg" to secure the Modified 50.

Ed Carroll, the owner of Riverside, held off all challenges to win the NAPA Pro Stock Event, as Marty Leary almost had a photo finish in the Late Models. Roger Fujimoto dominated the competitive Acme Strictly Feature.

Still, the Modified Event had its moments with several cautions. On the start, Ed Spiers jumped out front. Dan Avery came charging forward looking for his seventh win of the season. By lap number six, Bobby Gee got wedged into Sean Swilpa and Eric LeClair, as Doug Meservey headed to the pits, never to return.

Once back to green, Mike Ewainitsko, driving the Bear Motorsports car, was in a torrid battle with Steve Park, Rich Savary, Chris Kopec, and John Jensen. Just two laps later, another caution. This time, Tom Jensen had climbed on top of point front-runner Chris Kopec.

Kopec went to the pits and later returned. While all this was going on, Dan Avery was pulling away from the field. A new battle developed as Dave Caruso was the biggest challenger and "The Reg" was right in the top three. Savary and Ewainitsko then came together as the caution came out for the Long Island driver.

Savary was forced to go to the rear. Avery again pulled away and in the final laps, became the victim of the night. Dennis O'Connor spun as Avery was about to pass. The results put Avery stopped in turn three.

The restart battle proved very interesting as Ruggiero was pressured by both Dave Caruso and Steve Park. Others that came back up front included Rich Savary, Brian Schofield, and Jim Houghton. Avery was involved in another mix-up caused by lap traffic.

In the final laps, Reggie Ruggiero had the field covered as 6,824 witnessed his victory for Bill Pelly. Second was Steve Park (Sunoco), third was Dave Caruso (Judkin's Pike Package), fourth was Rich Savary (Bill's Auto), and fifth was Ed Spiers (sponsor wanted). Sixth through 10th were Jim Houghton, Tom Jensen, Dan Avery (Porter Chester), Carl Erikson, and Brian Schofield.

Ed Carroll dominated the Pro Stock feature, but it still was not an easy victory as Tom Carey applied the pressure lap after lap. Early leader Jeff Horn did a great job and for a while, looked like he was going to win as Tom Fearn and Dave Caruso came charging to the front.

This event had no cautions as Ed Carroll secured his second win for Carroll Riverside Motorsports. The owner/operator of Riverside again credited the win to Butch Shea (Precision Auto Machine), Cliff's Auto, and the crew. Second was Tom Carey, Jr. (Mobil 9), third was Jeff Horn (Willington Pizza), fourth was Tom Fearn (Somer Auto Sales), and fifth was Dave Caruso (Bianci Register).

Sixth through 10th were Barry Gray (Meadows Motor Car), John Lobo, Jr. (Wagner Rug), Ted Hebert (Teddy Bear Pools), Bill Lauridsen (Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts), and Dave Berube.

It was almost a photo finish for 20 laps with Gee Perry, Marty Leary, Fred LaForge, and Glenn Griswold. It was wheel-to-wheel racing at its best and only Marty Leary was lucky enough to get to the line first on the final lap of the Late Model Feature.

Leary won by inches over Gee Perry, third was Fred LaForge (Speedway Store), fourth was Glenn Griswold (NAPA Auto Parts), and fifth was Gary Fiormonti. Sixth through 10th were Chuck Docherly, Joe Czarnecki, Matt Bushior, Ted Chalmers, and Gene McClain.

"I was giving it everything. Gee Perry ran me clean. He is a great driver and this is one of my most competitive wins ever," said Marty.

The Strictly Stocks wasn't about to let the other divisions get all the attention. As usual, Roger Fujimoto showed aggressive talent to dominate the 20-lap feature. Vinny Buonocore was all over Roger, but had to settle for second as Herb Carlon finished third, just ahead of Joe Arena and Chuck Allegio.

Sixth through 10th were Al Leone, Ken Marques, Bill Reiman, Jay Miller, and Bruce Battles.

Jerry Marquis won the Pontiac-Scranton Busch Race over Glenn Sullivan, Bob Dragon, Dale Shaw, and Martin Truex. Sixth through 10th went to Babe Branscombe, Mike Stefanik, John Swanson, Jeff Spraker, and Tom Bolles.

This Saturday, September 2nd, will feature another FOUR Division NASCAR Special at 6:00 p.m. Priced at just \$9.99.

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regular action will start, of course, at 6:00 p.m.

These events are priced at \$12.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 and under (a park pass is included in the price of admission). The pit fee for anyone 16 and over is \$20 each (everyone is welcome). Incidentally, Lobak mufflers are mandatory in all divisions.

On Saturday, September 24th, Riverside will host a \$5,000-to-win Enduro—an extravaganza of death-defying action in 16-plus events.

In addition to the \$5,000-to-win, full-size Enduro, there will be a four-cylinder Enduro, Figure 8 races, Legend cars, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Strictly Stocks, half-ton trucks, a police race, a ladies' race, a Demolition Derby,

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Marquis held the lead through three more caution periods, including one on lap 95, which forced the race to be extended to 109 laps to allow NASCAR officials to wave the green, white, and checkered flags.

and more (this event is run in part, rain or shine).

Entry is now available for the \$5,000-to-win race ... don't miss it! The pit is open at 10:30 a.m., with qualifying action at 3:00 p.m.; at 6:00 p.m., the evening's competition will begin. (The races are estimated to be finished by 10:30 p.m.)

Adults are just \$12.99 each for this event, with kids 12 and under priced at just \$2.99 apiece (this price includes admission to the park). The pit fee (for anyone over 16 years of age) is \$20 per person.

Riverside will also run some events during the month of October, including the famous "Halloween Howler" Enduro/Demo on Saturday, October 29th.

For more information about the speedway's upcoming racing events, call (413) 786-9300, extension 3264 today!

Marquis earned his first victory of the season on May 15th at Monadnock Speedway in Woodstock, New Hampshire. Saturday's victory, in front of a crowd of 6,984 fans, earned the 38 year-old driver \$8,950.

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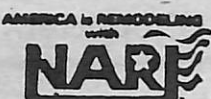
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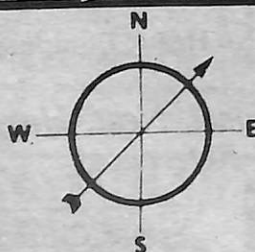
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Agawam School Committee And Agawam School Department

Agawam

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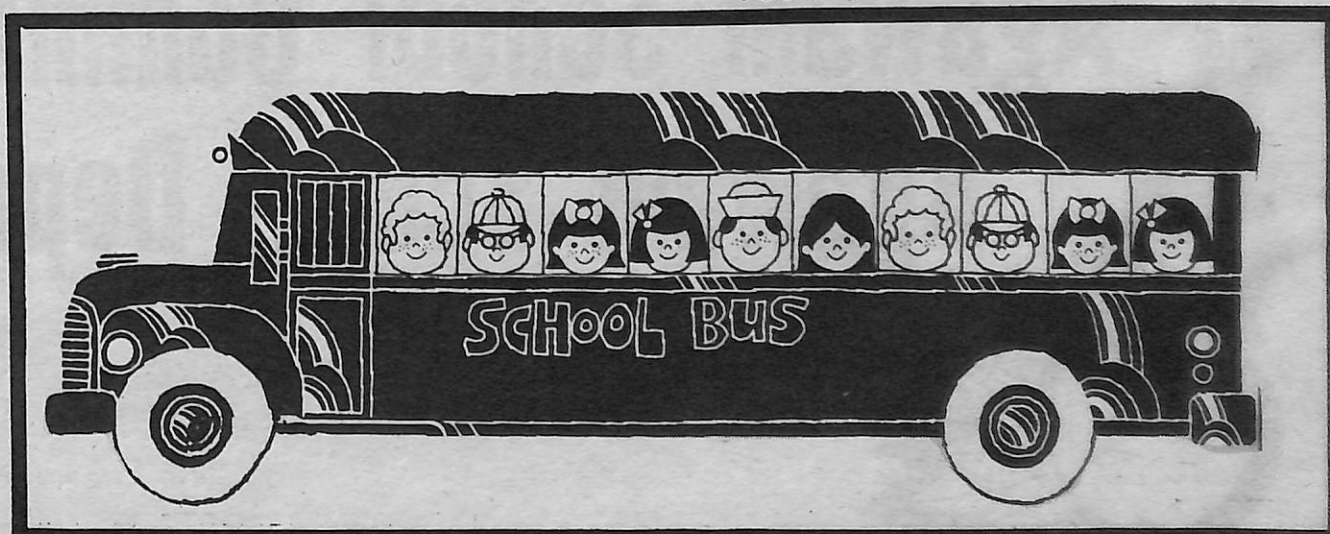
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AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1305 SPRINGFIELD STREET
FEEDING HILLS, MA 01030

School Calendar 1994-1995

180 school days (pupils)

*1 non-teaching day (teachers)

5 inclement weather days



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September 5 — Labor Day
 September 6 — Schools Open
 October 10 — Columbus Day
 October 28 — Teachers' Convention
 November 11 — Veterans' Day
 November 23 — 1/2 Day
 Nov. 24 - 25 — Thanksgiving Recess
 Dec. 26 - Jan. 2 — Winter Recess

January 3 — Schools Open
 January 16 — Martin Luther King Day
 February 20-24 — Mid-winter Vacation
 April 14 — Good Friday
 April 17-21 — Spring Vacation
 May 29 — Memorial Day
 June 23 — Schools Close
☐ 1/2 Day (teachers' inservice)

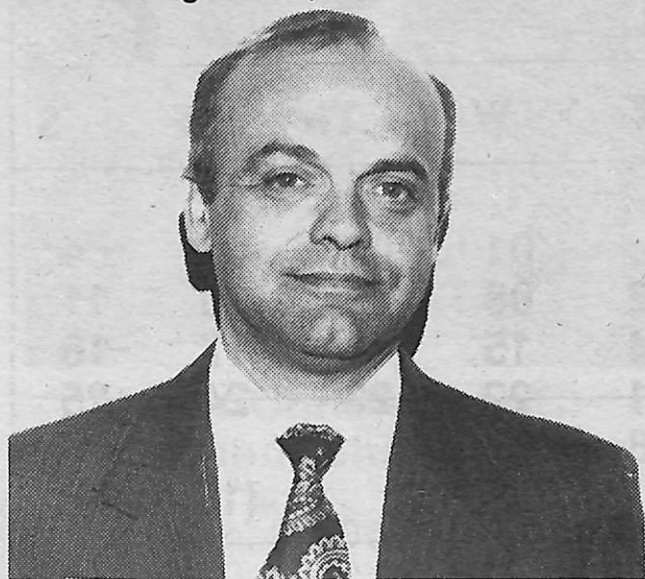
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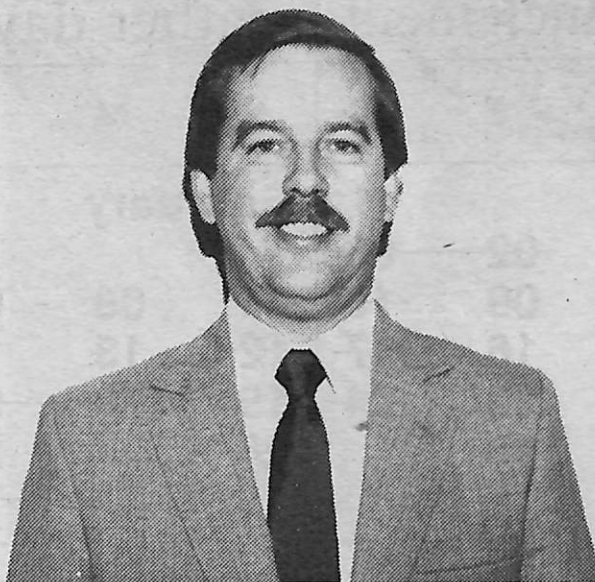
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Agawam, MA 01001



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Registration Of New Students Is Under Way

Registration of new students began on Monday, August 29th, and will continue until Friday, September 2nd. Office hours for the elementary schools are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Guidance personnel at the middle and junior high schools will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

High school guidance staff will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for registration of new students, and for conferences from August 29th to September 2nd.

Agawam schools will open on Tuesday, September 6th. At the high school, only ninth grade students will be required to attend on September 6th. On Wednesday, September 7th, all high school students (grades nine through 12) will be required to attend.

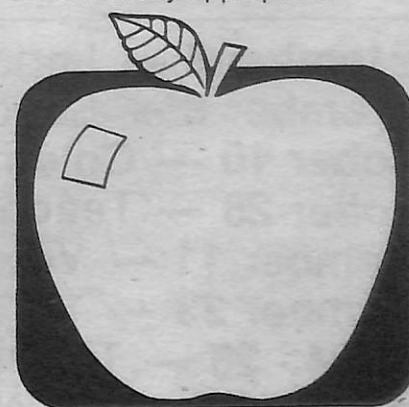
At the junior high school, only seventh grade students will be required to attend on Tuesday, September 6th. On Wednesday, September 7th, all junior high school students will be required to attend.

ENTRANCE AGE:

The State Board of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll; and...
2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll.

Students who attend a kindergarten program in a public school system outside Agawam or who attend a kindergarten program approved by the superintendent, may be allowed to enter first grade if Agawam school officials determine that it would be educationally appropriate.



Administration



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Guidance Department

Students enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools, grades 5 through 12 have been assigned a guidance counselor. At the middle and junior high schools, students are assigned by grade level: **Grade 5—Mr. Thomas Dacey; Grade 6—Mr. Alan Cohen; Grade 7—Mrs. Jane Lucardi; Grade 8—Mr. Francis Meagher.**

Students at the senior high school are assigned to one of the following counselors: **Mr. Paul Cavallo, Mr. Alan Cohen, Mrs. Ann Marie Gould, Mrs. Judith Cohen, or Mrs. Jane Williams.** At all schools, any guidance counselor will assist your child if the need arises.

Counseling of students occurs on a regular basis and includes such areas as academic progress, individual programming, adjustment problems, career and vocational information, orientation of new students, and referrals of students with special needs. The counselors also arrange, administer, and interpret standardized tests. This information is available upon request.

Parents may request parent-teacher conferences, homework assignments during a period of absence, and progress reports. In addition, guidance counselors at the senior high school offer information concerning career planning, scholarships, financial aid, and college applications.

The guidance counselors sincerely encourage parents to avail themselves of these services and to contact the guidance counselors at any time concerning their children.



Mrs. Renee O. Jury
Administrative Assistant, Ext. 436



Dian Curran
Exec. Secretary, Supt. of Schools, Ext. 435

AHS Attendance Regulations To Be Enforced

***Purpose—**Agawam High School is committed to providing quality education to all students. To meet this end, an attendance regulation has been instituted. The direct correlation between school achievement and regular attendance indicates a need for such a regulation. It is the intent of this regulation to encourage students and parents to minimize absences from any portion of the school day. Adherence to the regulation will allow the student to gain maximum benefits from daily classroom activities.*

STUDENT/PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

When returning from an absence, a student should provide the first period teacher with an excuse note signed by a parent. The note should include the student's name, the dates of absence, and the reason for the absence. Notes will be kept on office file and will be very important in the event of an appeal.

Any tardiness or dismissals that result in the loss of class time should also be explained in a note of the same type. These notes will be filed for the same reasons.

Recognize the fact that any number of trancies from class or school will negate any basis for appeal in that class.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Accurate attendance will be taken and recorded **every day by every teacher.** Teachers will report any student showing poor attendance patterns to the appropriate guidance counselor.

When a student has lost credit in a course, the teacher will report this immediately—in writing—to the appropriate guidance counselor.

BACK TO School

AGAWAM SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUS STOPS

* BUS NO. 10 (7:00):

S. West and Shelley; 170 S. West; 284 S. West; S. West and Red Fox; S. West and White Fox; S. West and Kathy Ter.; S. West and Joanne; 230 Pine St.; Pine and Spruce Cir.; S. Westfield and Shoemaker; S. Westfield and Hamar.

* BUS NO. 14 (7:00):

Springfield and Columbus; Walnut and Dwight; Maple and Walnut; Maple and Bridge; Maple and Spencer; Springfield and Rowley.

* BUS NO. 5 (7:00):

Silver and Shoemaker; Silver and Doane; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; Silver and Mountainview; Silver and Porter; Silver and Belden; Silver and Castle Hill; Elm and Birch Hill; Main and Emerson; Pineview and Adams; Adams and Rosie; Adams and Richardson; Adams and Zachary.

* BUS NO. 7 (7:00):

School and Main; School and Monroe; School and Hearthstone; School and Beverly; School and River; School and Meadowbrook; School and Glendale; Main and Parker.

* BUS NO. 13 (7:00):

Main and Reed; Main and Federal St.; Main and Cooper; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson; 43 Meadow; 272 Meadow; 418 Meadow; Meadow and Editha; River and Barney/Sterling; River and Alhambra S.; Corey and Alhambra S.; Corey and Janelle; Corey and Alexander; Corey and Corey Col.; Main and Edward.

* BUS NO. 9 (6:55):

223 Garden; Garden and Memorial; Garden and Orlando; 309 Poplar; Poplar and Rising; Shoemaker and Cesan; 887 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Losito; 287 Shoemaker; 209 Shoemaker; South and Deer Run; South and Quail Hollow; South and Cosgrove; South and S. Brooke; 155 South; 109 South; Main and Kanawha; 1673 Suffield; 1485 Suffield (condos).

* BUS NO. 1 (7:00):

N. Westfield and Thalia; N. Westfield and Robin Ridge; N. Westfield and Fox Farm; N. Westfield and Clover Hill; N. Westfield and Liswell.

* BUS NO. 2 (7:05):

1279 Springfield; Springfield and Northwood; Northwood and Granger; Fordham and Cambridge; Blacksmith and N. Westfield.

* BUS NO. 8 (7:05):

North and Ridgeway; North and Colmore; North and James; North and Oak Ln.; North and Maynard/Harding.

* BUS NO. 4 (7:10):

Suffield and Gold; 1010 Suffield; Suffield and Centerwood; Suffield and Edgewater; Suffield and Mill; Suffield and

Poinsetta; Suffield and Anthony; Suffield and Center.

* BUS NO. 15 (7:00):

Leonard and Katherine; Leonard and Debra; Leonard and Danny; River and Channell; River and Florida; River and Chestnut; River and Lawnwood; River and Deering; River and Riviera; Main and Barden; Main and Charles; Main and Melrose; Main and Leonard; Main and Elm.

* BUS NO. 3 (7:00):

N. West and Karen Lynn; 236 N. West; 350 N. West; N. West and North St. Ext.; 634 N. West; N. West and Peterson Cir.; N. West and N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Marlene; N. Westfield and Parkedge; 791 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Ridgeview; N. Westfield and Allison; N. Westfield and North.

* BUS NO. 6 (7:00):

Southwick and Sunset; Southwick and Tina; 468 Southwick; 650 Southwick; 519 Southwick; 421 Southwick; S. West and Pheasant Hill/Carmel.

* BUS NO. 12 (6:55):

S. Westfield and Hendom; 582 S. Westfield; S. Westfield and Bradford; Barry and Oakmont; Barry and Pine; Barry and Cricket/Oakridge; Barry and Christopher; Barry and Marla; 461 Barry; Barry and S. West.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUS STOPS

* BUS NO. 4 (7:35):

Mooreland and Springfield; North and Oak Ln.; North and James; North and Letendre; North and Barberry; 491 North; 595 North; North and Ridgeway; North and Pleasant.

* BUS NO. 6 (7:30):

1010 Suffield; 1036 Suffield; Fernwood and Arbor; Fernwood and Hunting; Fernwood and Centerwood; Silver and Belden; Silver and Porter; Silver and Mt. View; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; 223 Garden; Garden and Memorial; Garden and Orlando; 340 Poplar; Poplar and Rising.

* BUS NO. 3 (7:25):

Suffield and Edgewater; 794 Suffield; Adams and Richardson; Adams and Rosie; Adams and Pineview; Adams and Main; Main and Charles; 117 South St.; South and S. Brooke; South and Cosgrove; South and Quail Hollow; South and Deer Run; South and Suffield; 287 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Losito; 619 Shoemaker; 887 Shoemaker; 955 Shoemaker.

* BUS NO. 2 (7:25):

North St. Ext. and Belmont; North St. Ext. and Stony Hill; 594 N. West; N. West and Peterson; N. Westfield and North West; N. Westfield and Marlene; N. Westfield and Parkedge; 814 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Provin Mt.;

Bus Schedules

Robin Ridge and Parkview; Thalia and Parkview; Strawberry Hill and Valleybrook; Clover Hill and Valleybrook.

* BUS NO. 10 (7:35):

Springfield and Rowley; Walnut and Dwight; Walnut and Maple; Maple and Bridge; Maple and Moore; Maple and Spencer; Maynard and North; Springfield and Wilson; Springfield and Sheri.

* BUS NO. 12 (7:25):

School and Main; School and Monroe; School and Hearthstone; School and Beverly/Plantation; 333 School; School and River; River and Meadowbrook; River and Glendale; Leonard and Debra; Leonard and Katherine; Leonard and Main; Silver and Castle Hill.

* BUS NO. 8 (7:25):

North St. Ext. and Juniper; North St. Ext. and Kosciusko; 351 N. West; 236 N. West; N. West and Karen Lynn; 358 Southwick; 468 Southwick; turn around; 519 Southwick; 411 Southwick; Southwick and Carmel; S. West and Shelley; 170 S. West; 260 S. West; S. West and Red Fox; S. West and White Fox.

* BUS NO. 5 (7:25):

Suffield and Washington; Main and Reed; 302 Meadow; James/Regency and Meadow; Meadow and Editha; Barney/Sterling and River; River and Alhambra; Alhambra S. and Corey; Janelle and Corey; 202 Corey; Corey and Edward; Main and Edward.

* BUS NO. 1 (7:25):

430 S. Westfield; 698 S. Westfield; Bradford and S. Westfield; 156 Barry; 238 Barry; Pine and Barry; Cricket/Oakridge and Barry; Christopher and Barry; Marla and Barry; 424 Barry; 528 Barry; Barry and S. West; S. West and Joanne; S. West and Kathy.

* BUS NO. 14 (7:30):

Senator and Cooper; Cooper and Federal St.; Cooper and Fairview; Cooper and Federal Ave.; Main and Harvey Johnson; Main and Parker; Main and S. Park; Suffield and Mill; Suffield and Poinsetta; Suffield and Anthony.

* BUS NO. 15 (7:25):

Main and Elm; Main and Emerson; Leonard and Danny; River and Channell; River and Florida; River and Shady; River and Deering; River and Riviera; Main and Kanawha; 1639 Suffield.

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AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS STOPS

* BUS NO. 11 (8:00):

South and Deer Run; South and Quail Hollow; South and Cosgrove; South and S. Brooke; 175 South; Main and South; 1278 Main; Main and Charles; Main and Forest Ridge; Main and Adams; Adams and Pineview; Adams and Rosie; Adams and Richardson; Adams and Zachary; 1026 Suffield; 1004 Suffield; 794 Suffield; Suffield and Edgewater; Mill and Silver Lake Dr.

* BUS NO. 9 (7:55):

Main and Parker; Main and Lealand; Main and School; School and Monroe; School and Hearthstone; School and River; River and Meadowbrook; River and Glendale; 126 Elm; Silver and Perry; 97 Silver; Silver and Castle Hills; Suffield and Poinsetta; Suffield and Valentine; Suffield and Anthony.

* BUS NO. 7 (7:55):

328 Poplar; Poplar and Rising; 995 Shoemaker; 1059 Shoemaker; N. Westfield and Liswell; North and Tom; North and Ridgeway; 595 North; North and Cherry; North and Barberry; North and James; North and Oak Ln.; North and Cleveland; North and Wilson; North and Harding; North and Maynard; North and Grant; 81 North.

* BUS NO. 3 (8:00):

26 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Blacksmith; North St. Ext. and Belmont; North St. Ext. and Juniper; North St. Ext. and Kosciusko; 1149 No. St. Ext.; 327 N. West; N. West and Karen Lynn; 156 N. West; 76 N. West; Southwick and Tina; Southwick and Hope Farms; Southwick and Sunset; Springfield and Norris; Springfield and Franklin; Springfield and Line; Cooper and Willowbrook; Cooper and Karen Dr.

* BUS NO. 10 (8:00):

Yale and Cambridge; Fordham and Northwood; Northwood and Granger; Garden and Orlando; Garden and Memorial; 204 Garden; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; Silver and Mt. View; 318 Silver; Silver and Porter; Silver and Belden.

* BUS NO. 6 (7:55):

S. Westfield and Hamar; S. Westfield and Hendom; S. Westfield and Pine; S. Westfield and Bradford; 151 Barry; 238 Barry; Cricket/Oakridge and Barry; Christopher and Barry; 150 Pine; 563 Shoemaker; Silver and Shoemaker; Losito and Shoemaker; 209 Shoemaker.

* BUS NO. 12 (7:55):

North St. Ext. and Stony Hill; 594 N. West; 682 N. West; 805 N. West; 986 N. West; N. West and Peterson Circle; N. Westfield and N. West; N. Westfield and Marlene; 1015 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Parkedge; N. Westfield and Allison; Robin Ridge and Pleasant Valley; Thalia and Parkview; N. Westfield and Parkview; Fox Farms and Briar Hill; Valleybrook and Strawberry; Valleybrook and Clover Hill.

* BUS NO. 14 (7:55):

Main and Cooper; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson; 21 Meadow; 324 Meadow; Regency and Meadow; River and Sterling/Pomeroy; River and Alhambra S.; Alhambra and Corey; Jannelle and Corey; 202 Corey; Corey Col.; Main and Edward.

* BUS NO. 15 (7:55):

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* BUS NO. 5 (8:05):

1279 Springfield; Springfield and Belvidere; 1030 Springfield; Springfield and Rhodes; Springfield and Kensington; Springfield and Franklin; Springfield and

Mooreland; Springfield and Letendre; Springfield and Shibley Ct.

* BUS NO. 13 (8:00):

592 Southwick; Carmel and Southwick; S. West and Shelley; S. West and Pheasant; 123 S. West; 250 S. West; 437 S. West; S. West and Red Fox; S. West and White Fox; S. West and Kathy Ter.; Barbara and Joanne; Barbara and Barry; 587 Barry; 471 Barry; 424 Barry; Pine and Barry.

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School

HOURS

1994-1995

7:35 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Agawam High School

8:05 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Agawam Junior High School

8:35 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Agawam Middle School
Clifford M. Granger School

9:10 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
James Clark School
Benjamin J. Phelps School
Robinson Park School

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ROBINSON PARK KINDERGARTEN A.M. DROP-OFF

(BUS NO. 3 - 11:45)

North and Wilson; North and Sherman; North and Oak Ln.; North and James; North and Letendre; 612 North; North and Nolan; North St. Ext. and Kosciusko; North St. Ext. and Stony Hill; 466 No. West; 692 No. West; Peterson Cir. and No. West; 1023 No. Westfield; Parkedge Dr. and No. Westfield; 765 No. Westfield; 726 No. Westfield; 694 No. Westfield; 654 No. Westfield; 18 Robin Ridge Rd.; Pleasant Valley Rd. and Beech Hill; 10 High Meadow Rd.; 536 No. Westfield; Forest Hill Rd. and Valleybrook; Forest Hill Rd. and Clover Hill; Valleybrook and Clover Hill; 374 No. Westfield; Wilbert and Audobon; Ridgeway and Audobon; Sylvan and Acorn.

ROBINSON PARK KINDERGARTEN P.M. PICK-UP

(BUS NO. 3 - 12:10)

Homer and Gale; Springfield and Norman Ter.; Springfield and Arnold; Springfield and Day; Springfield and Sheri Ln.; Springfield and Royal/Kristen Ln.; Springfield and Rowley; 238 Maple (Elizabeth Manor Apts.); Maple and Sutton Pl.; Maple and Scherpa; Maple and Moore; High and Moore; Bridge and Church; 26 Walnut; Cooley and Walnut; Walnut and Maple; 26 Begley.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 4 (8:40):**

81 North; North and Grant; North and Maynard; North and Harding; North and Wilson; North and Sherman; North and Cleveland/Liberty; North and Oak Lane; North and Norman Ter. Ext.; North and James; North and Letendre; North and Barberry; North and Cherry.

*** BUS NO. 3 (8:30):**

North St. Ext. and Belmont; 1029 North St. Ext.; 1067 North St. Ext.; North St. Ext. and Kosciusko; 1157 North St. Ext.; North St. Ext. and Stony Hill; 466 North West; 594 North West; 682 North West; 735 North West; 776 North West; 805 North West; 926 North West; North West and Peterson Cir.; 1091 North West.

*** BUS NO. 9 (8:25):**

374 N. Westfield; 536 N. Westfield; 604 N. Westfield; 654 N. Westfield; 694 N. Westfield; 708 N. Westfield; 734 N. Westfield; turn around; 1207 N. Westfield; 1151 N. Westfield; 1101 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Marlene; 1015 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Parkedge; 819 N. Westfield; 765 N. Westfield; 733 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Provin Mt.; N. Westfield and Allison Ln.; N. Westfield and New York Ave.; 367 N. Westfield.

*** BUS NO. 7 (8:30):**

North and Pleasant; Oriole and Robin Ridge; Pleasant Valley and Beech Hill; Pleasant Valley and High Meadow; Robin Ridge and High Meadow; Robin Ridge and Beech Hill; Robin Ridge and Parkview; Parkview and Thalia (both ends); Valleybrook and Strawberry Hill; Valleybrook and Forest Hill; Clover Hill and Forest Hill; Clover Hill and Valleybrook; Clover Hill and Strawberry Hill; Clover Hill and Briar Hill.

*** BUS NO. 12 (8:30):**

North and Homer; 496 North; 612 North; Nolan Lane and North; Wilbert and Audobon; Ridgeway and Audobon; Sylvan and Acorn; Sylvan and North; Homer and Gale; Springfield and Broz; Springfield and Shibley Ct.; Springfield and Arnold/Chapin; Springfield and Day.



BENJAMIN PHELPS SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 1 (8:30):**

Cooper and Karen/Yarmouth; Cooper and Tracy; Cooper and Brien; Cooper and Greenacre; Country and Greenacre; Country and Barn; Rowley and Barn; Rowley and Homestead; Cooper and Suffield; Cooper and Belle; Cooper and Senator; Cooper and Federal St. Ext.; Cooper and Fairview; Cooper and Federal Ave.

*** BUS NO. 14 (8:30):**

Main St. and Middle School driveway; Reed and Vernon; Reed and Virginia; Reed and Washington; Suffield and Washington; 590 Suffield; 616 Suffield; 636 Suffield; Clematis and Mill; 99 Perry Lane; Perry Lane and Elm; 109 Silver; Castle Hills and Silver; 743 Suffield; Suffield and Edgewater; Suffield and Poinsetta; Suffield and Valentine; Suffield and Anthony; Suffield and Center; 319 Suffield.

*** BUS NO. 15 (8:40):**

Main and Federal St.; 366 Main; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson; Main and Meadow (A.M. only); 21 Meadow; 105 Meadow; 210 Meadow; 274 Meadow; 311 Meadow; 359 Meadow; Meadow and James Ave.; 418 Meadow (Regency); Meadow and Frank; Meadow and Editha; Sterling/Pomeroy and River Rd.

*** BUS NO. 10 (8:30):**

202 Corey; Corey and Alexander; Corey and Jannelle; 475 Corey; 436 Corey; Corey and Alhambra S.; River Rd. and Alhambra S.; River Rd. and Riverside Ave.; 46 Simpson; Meadowbrook and Western; Clifton and Ruth; Clifton and River Rd.

*** BUS NO. 16 (8:35):**

152 School; Hearthstone and School; School and Plantation; 343 School; 921 River Rd.; River Rd. and Glendale; Leonard and Danny Lane; Leonard and Roberta Cir.; Leonard and Peros; Leonard and Katherine; 27 Leonard; 21 Leonard.

PHELPS KINDERGARTEN A.M. DROP-OFF

(BUS NO. 8 - 11:45)

245 Elm; Elm and Perry; 743 Suffield; Suffield and Poinsetta; Suffield and Valentine; Suffield and Anthony; Senator and Belle; 317 Cooper; 13 Barn; Barn and Country; Country and Greenacre; Yarmouth and Cooper; Tracy and Cooper; Suffield and Virginia; Reed and Potomac; Reed and Vernon; 12 Federal St.; Federal St. Ext. and Cooper; Fairview and Cooper; 420 Main; Main and Meadow; 25 Meadow; 210 Meadow; 359 Meadow; James St. and Meadow; 418 Meadow.

PHELPS KINDERGARTEN P.M. PICK-UP

(BUS NO. 8 - 12:10)

No. and So. Alhambra; No. Alhambra and Corey; Corey and Jannelle; Corey and Alexander; 202 Corey; 171 School; School and Hearthstone; School and Plantation; 343 School; 921 River; River and Merrill; River and Clifton; River and Glendale; Leonard and Dyotte; Leonard and Morgan/Danny Ln.; Katherine and Leonard.

CLIFFORD GRANGER SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 4 (8:05):**

358 Southwick St.; 396 Southwick; 468 Southwick; 540 Southwick; 662 Southwick; turn around; 675 Southwick; 519 Southwick; 411 Southwick; Southwick and Carmel Ln.; 60 S. West; 170 S. West; 202 S. West; 250 S. West; S. West and Kathy Ter.; Barbara and Joanne; 66 Barbara Ln.; Barry and Barbara Ln.; Barry and Sharon Ln.

*** BUS NO. 1 (8:00):**

17 N. West; 71 N. West; N. West and Karen Lynn; 210 N. West; 278 N. West; 358 N. West; North St. Ext. and Juniper Ridge; 262 Colemore; Cherry and Colemore; Colemore and Park; Colemore and Horsham; Colemore and Witheridge; Colemore and Hastings; Colemore and Bessbrook; Colemore and Greenock; Colemore and Agnoli; Springfield and Poplar; 1026 Springfield.

*** BUS NO. 8 (8:05):**

Pine and Spruce Cir.; 370 Pine; 422 Pine; 467 Pine; 691 S. West; S. West and White Fox; S. West and Red Fox; 437 S. West; 335 S. West; 319 S. West; 123 S. West; 67 S. West; 35 S. West; 295 Southwick.

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BUS SCHEDULES - from Page 8a...*** BUS NO. 2 (8:00):**

873 S. Westfield; S. Westfield and Bradford; 943 S. Westfield; 126 Barry; 151 Barry; 208 Barry; 296 Barry; Barry and Oakridge/Cricket; Barry and Christopher Ln.; Barry and Marla; 471 Barry; 587 Barry; S. West and Denise; 798 S. West; turn around; 861 S. West; 781 S. West; (p.m.) 1036 Shoemaker; (p.m.) 995 Shoemaker.

**GRANGER
KINDERGARTEN
A.M. DROP-OFF**
(BUS NO. 2 - 11:10)

No. Westfield and Kellogg; No. Westfield and Anvil; Yale and Cambridge; Columbia and Cambridge; Granger and Cambridge; Granger and Northwood; Vassar and Princeton; No. Westfield and Liswell; North St. Ext. and Juniper; No. West and Karen Lynn; 71 No. West; 17 No. West; 295 Southwick; Southwick and Tina; Southwick and Hope Farms; Springfield and Brookline; Ralph and Cherry; 195 Colemore; Horsham and Colemore; Bessbrook and Colemore.

**GRANGER
KINDERGARTEN
P.M. PICK-UP**
(BUS NO. 2 - 11:40)

995 Shoemaker; 1036 Shoemaker; Elmar and Apollonia; Beech and Hendom; Bradford and So. Westfield; 467 Pine; Cricket and Barry; Christopher and Barry; 861 So. West; Sharon Ln. and Barry; Barry and Barbara; Joanne and Barbara; Kathy Ter. and So. West; White Fox and So. West; Red Fox and So. West; 232 So. West; 202 So. West; 170 So. West; Pheasant Hill; 35 So. West; 540 Southwick; 662 Southwick; 675 Southwick.

**JAMES CLARK
SCHOOL
BUS STOPS**

*** BUS NO. 8 (8:40):**

799 Silver; Silver and Doane; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; Silver and Mountainview; 404 Silver; 318 Silver; Silver and Porter; Silver and Belden Ct.; 733 Suffield (a.m. only); 224 Mill; turn around; Silver Lake and Mill; Edgewater and Suffield; 1039 Suffield; 1341 Suffield.

*** BUS NO. 6 (8:30):**

Adams and Zachary; Adams and Richardson; Adams and Mallard - both; Adams and Pineview; Main and Adams; Main and Melrose; Main and Bailey; Main and Forest Ridge; Main and Charles; 1307 Main (p.m. only); Main and Kanawha; 1629 Suffield (p.m. only); 1485 Suffield (condos).

*** BUS NO. 11 (8:30):**

River and Riviera; River and Deering; River and Dartmouth; Joey and Danny; 318 Leonard; River and Channell; River and Campbell; River and Florida; River and Chestnut; River and Lawnwood; River and Shady Ln.; 24 South; 72 South; 117 South; 175 South; South and S. Brooke.

*** BUS NO. 2 (8:35):**

159 Poplar; Memorial and Phil; Garden and Orlando; Rising and Poplar; 955 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Cesan; 915 Shoemaker (a.m. only); 563 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Losito Ln.; 281 Shoemaker (p.m. only); 267 Shoemaker; 144 Shoemaker.

*** BUS NO. 13 (8:30):**

Springfield and Rhodes; Springfield and Highland; Springfield and Kensington; Springfield and Amherst; Springfield and Franklin; Springfield and Mooreland; Line and Pierce; Line and Jamie.

*** BUS NO. 5 (8:30):**

Mill and Lincoln; Mill and Franklin; Mill and Kensington; Mill and Norris; Mill and William (turn around); 767 Mill; 695 Mill; 537 Mill; Old Mill and Mill (a.m. only); Centerwood and Fernwood; Butterwood and Fernwood; Hunting and Butternut; Arbor and Butternut; Faymore and Fernwood.

**CLARK
KINDERGARTEN
A.M. DROP-OFF**
(BUS NO. 4 - 11:45)

955 Shoemaker; 915 Shoemaker; Cesan and Shoemaker; Springfield and Rhodes; Springfield and Highland; Springfield and Norris; Springfield and Amherst; Springfield and Franklin; 88 Franklin; 152 Franklin; Mill and Franklin; Mill and Old Mill; 733 Suffield; Belden and Silver; Vadenais and Silver; Franklin Ext. and Silver.

**CLARK
KINDERGARTEN
P.M. PICK-UP**
(BUS NO. 4 - 12:10)

281 Shoemaker; Zachary Ln. and Adams; Fernwood and Conifer; Butternut and Arbor; Adams and Pineview; Main and Bailey; Main and Forest Ridge; 1307 Main; Riviera and River; Dartmouth and River; 318 Leonard; Florida and River; Chestnut and River; Main and Kanawha; 1629 Suffield; Suffield and Condos (Ash Lane).

**AGAWAM PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
LATE RUNS**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
(AGAWAM)**

*** BUS NO. 11 (3:45):**

NO STOPS BEFORE COOPER - right Main, left Meadow onto River to Main, left on Main to Connecticut line if necessary - turn around, go back on Main to Cooper - left Cooper to Suffield - left Suffield to Shoemaker - right on Shoemaker to bus terminal.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
(FEEDING HILLS)**

*** BUS NO. 16 (3:45):**

Left Main onto Springfield St. - no stops before Cleveland, right N. Westfield, left N. West onto S. West, left Barry, left S. Westfield, right Shoemaker, left Poplar onto Garden, right Silver, left Shoemaker to bus terminal.

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(AGAWAM)**

*** BUS NO. 17 (3:15):**

Right Springfield - NO STOPS BEFORE PORTLAND onto Main, left Meadow, right School, left Main (TO STATE LINE, IF NECESSARY), right or left onto South, right Suffield to Cooper - left Cooper, last stop Cooper and Wrenwood.

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(FEEDING HILLS)**

*** BUS NO. 2 (3:30):**

Left Springfield, right N. Westfield - NO STOPS BEFORE NORTH - left on N. West onto S. West, left Barry, left onto S. Westfield, right Shoemaker, left Poplar onto Garden, right Silver, left onto Shoemaker to bus terminal.

**SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(AGAWAM)**

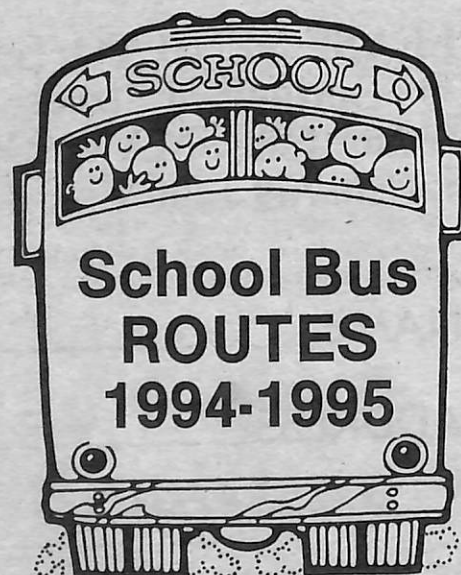
*** BUS NO. 16 (2:45):**

Right Mill, right Line, stop Rowley to Main, left Meadow to River Road, right School, left Main to South, right South, right Suffield to Anthony.

**SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(FEEDING HILLS)**

*** BUS NO. 17 (2:45):**

Right on Mill onto Springfield, no stops before Northwood, right N. Westfield, left N. West onto S. West, left Barry, left S. Westfield, rt. Shoemaker, left Silver, left Garden, last stop Poplar and Garden.



**SCHOOL BUS
SCHEDULES**

No route adjustments will occur during the first two weeks of school unless the school department determines an emergency exists.

Late runs will start September 12, 1994.

The times listed for the buses are the times the routes begin.

School Bus Rules

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

In order to insure the safe transportation of all children to and from school, the Agawam School Committee has adopted School Bus Rules. Because of the extremely serious nature of safety hazards involving vehicles seating well over 50 children, this policy will be strictly enforced. If any child loses bus privileges, it will be the responsibility of the parents to get the child both to and from school.

The majority of our children behave courteously and well, helping to insure the safety of all. Actions of a small minority cannot be allowed to imperil lives. School Bus Rules are required in order to insure the safety of all students. They will be rigidly enforced because of potential hazard to all riders. The penalties for violation of bus rules shall be a warning, initially. A second offense shall result in a loss of riding privileges for a period of at least five school days. Any further problems will result in loss of transportation a minimum of one month.

Serious breaches of discipline such as fighting, abuse of the bus driver or other passengers, damage to the bus, or any other action constituting a threat to safety, will result in immediate loss of riding privileges rather than a warning.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. Wait for bus at designated bus stop. Buses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from street until bus arrives. Pupils are not to play in road, trespass on private property or engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at the bus stop.

2. If you must cross a highway to board the bus or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus

driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.

3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.

4. Enter the bus quietly and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.

5. The driver has been instructed not to wait for you. Be on time.

6. Remain in your seat while the bus is moving. Pupils are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or principal only.

7. Leave and enter only at front entrance door except in cases of emergency. Emergency Exit Drills will be conducted during the school year to acquaint children with methods of exit in emergencies.

8. Talking in a conversational voice and tone is permissible. Shouting or excessive loud talking is prohibited.

9. Undesirable remarks directed to the driver or other students and stirring up adverse behavior are not allowed.

10. Horseplay is not permitted. Students are not to yell, motion or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrians. Throwing of objects or articles is forbidden.

11. EATING (including beverages) and SMOKING are NOT PERMITTED on school buses.

12. Packages other than school materials will not be transported at any time.

13. Pupils are to remain seated at discharge points until the school bus has come to a com-

plete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. Pupils must follow instructions given by the bus driver.

15. Damage to buses will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for damage to their seat and area during their trip. Any damage should be reported immediately to the driver.

16. Pupils entitled to transportation may ride only the bus assigned to and from school.

17. Students in grades 7 through 12 are required to have identification cards, issued by the school department, in order to ride school busses. These cards must be shown to the driver upon entering the bus. If the driver so requests, the cards must be surrendered by the student. Such a request will be made only if a disciplinary problem exists. The card will be returned to the student through the principal's office when the student is again entitled to ride.

If the driver turns in a card in the afternoon, the student will be allowed to ride to school the next morning pending an investigation by the principal of the complaint.

Cards will be issued annually. Lost cards must be replaced before the student will be allowed to ride. There will be no charge for the first card, but a payment of \$2 will be required for replacement cards. Transferred-in students will be issued a temporary bus pass by the principal. Students leaving school for any reason are required to turn in the I.D. card. Cards will be prepared during the first week of school by the School Department.

18. The Agawam School Committee reserves the right to refuse to transport any pupil who fails to observe rules and regulations or exhibits unacceptable conduct.

Title IX Procedures Deal With The Issue Of Sexual Discrimination In School

Title IX is the portion of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination in federally-assisted education programs. Specifically, Title IX states:

The governing regulations, effective July 21st, 1975, cover all aspects of sex discrimination in schools with regard to admissions, treatment of students, and employment.

The Agawam school system does not discriminate on the basis of sex. Any inquiries you may have should be brought to the attention of: **Mr. Donald Charest, Associate Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, Phone 789-1400, Ext. 433, or Mr. Thomas Habino, Director, Office for Civil Rights, JW McCormack POCH, Boston, MA, 02109, Phone (617) 223-9667.**

Section 504 of U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is referred to as an "Act for Elimination of Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in any School District Program or Activity Receiving Financial Assistance."

Section 504 requires that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual, shall, solely be reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in the public schools.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

Title IX and Handicap (Section 504)

Students 14 years of age or older, who feel their rights have been violated under Title IX or Handicap (Section 504), are to contact:

1. **Associate Superintendent/Business Manager**
2. **Advisor for Office of Student Affairs at Agawam High School**

If the grievance cannot be resolved by the Advisor for Office of Student Affairs, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student's complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. **Guidance Counselor (in their building)**
2. **Assistant Principal (in their building)**
3. **Principal (in their building)**
4. **Superintendent of Schools**
5. **School Committee**

Students under 14 years of age may have their parent(s) grieve on their behalf in writing to their building principal. If the grievance cannot be resolved by the building principal, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student's complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. **Superintendent of Schools**
2. **School Committee**

The Title IX coordinator will be available to assist all grievance committees in arriving at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violation of Title IX or of Section 504.



AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have questions about your preschooler? If you would like a screening or more information, please contact the Special Services Department.

- ☐ I would like a screening for my child.
- ☐ I would like to speak to a member of the Special Services Staff.
- ☐ I would like a copy of the Parent Handbook.

**PLEASE SEND TO: Special Services Office
1305 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Or Call 789-1400 Ext. 442 For More Information.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Chapter 766: Behavior Requirements For Agawam's Special Needs Students

All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General Laws, known as Chapter 766, requires that additional provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation TEAM to have special needs and whose program is described to an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The IEP for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the IEP.

2. The Principal (or designee) will notify the Special Education Office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will

be kept of such notices.

3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to 10 days in a school year, a review of the IEP as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or program. The TEAM will make a finding as to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and either:

a) design a modified program for the student or
b) write an amendment to provide for the delivery of special education services during the suspension and any needed modification of the IEP relative to discipline code expectations.

In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, and the procedures promulgated by the Department of Education for requesting approval of the alternative plan will be followed.

Music Programs In The Schools

The Agawam Schools offer a comprehensive program in music, and opportunities abound in both curricular courses and extra-curricular activities.

All students in elementary school receive music on a weekly basis as a regular classroom subject taught by a music specialist. The opportunity for chorus experience is available at the fourth grade level.

At the middle school, classroom music continues to be offered to all students on a regularly-scheduled basis. Instruction of band instruments is started in fifth grade, with weekly lessons on a rotation schedule so that students do not continually miss the same class for instrument lessons. Full band rehearsals are also held for fifth grade members during school time on a weekly basis. Chorus and string ensemble also meet twice each week during school time. Sixth grade students in band, chorus, and string ensemble meet twice a week on a scheduled band period. In addition, band members also have a sectional practice for like instruments on a rotating period each week.

At the junior high, chorus, band, and string ensemble continue on a twice a week scheduled period. Students not taking a performing group continue in classroom music instruction, and some type of music is required in both seventh and eighth grades.

Expanded opportunities are offered in chorus shows and jazz band at this level and music groups may take part in some regional music festivals.

At the senior high, music becomes entirely elective with many courses available in the regular schedule. Music courses receive full academic credit according to the number of meetings per week. The following meet on a daily basis and receive full course credit: Music Theory, Music History, Show Choir, Chorus, and Choreography. Meeting every other day for half credit are Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Workshop, Wind Ensemble, Piano Class, and Guitar Class.

The band curriculum during the fall includes marching activities and members join with the Color Guard to form the "Marching Mohawks" for many weekend performances.

Solo/ensemble festivals are held each year for all students in grades 5-12 who play or sing with afternoon events at the middle, junior, and senior high schools. An All-Star evening recital is held for students receiving highest ratings in the afternoon sessions.

Music is also available during the Summer with five-week sessions (meeting two days per week) available to middle and junior high school band students.

Agawam Schools' Policy On Hazing

Chapter 536 of the Acts of 1985 (also known as Massachusetts General Law Chapter 269, Sections 17-19) is a new law which took effect on November 26th, 1985, reads as follows:

Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following three sections:

Section 17. Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing as defined herein shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 100 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections 18 and 19, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in Section 17 and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an

appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.

Section 19. Each secondary school and each public and private school or college shall issue to every group or organization under its authority or operating on or in conjunction with its campus or school, and to every member, plebe, pledgee, or applicant for membership in such group or organization, a copy of this Section and Sections 17 and 18. An officer of each such group or organization, and each individual receiving a copy of said Sections 17 and 18 shall sign an acknowledgment stating that such group, organization, or individual has received a copy of said Sections 17 and 18.

Each secondary school and each public or private school or college shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary schools, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with the provisions of this section and also certifying that said school has adopted a disciplinary policy with regards to the organizers and participants of hazing. The board of regents and in the case of secondary schools, the board of education, shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

The Athletic Dept.

Participation by a large number of students is what keeps Agawam athletics successful and competitive.

Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney encourages girls and boys to participate in our interscholastic programs. As girls' programs have been traditionally under-represented in terms of numbers, she reminds any ninth- through 12th-grade girls that we welcome and encourage them to go out for any of the high school teams.

Day Care/ Babysitting

When choosing a day care or babysitter for your school-age child, please remember that your child must attend the public school in the district in which you live, not the district in which the day care or babysitter is located.

Student Insurance Provided By The School Committee

Student accident insurance is available to all students. The School Committee provides insurance to cover all students taking part in interscholastic athletics. It is the family's responsibility to provide whatever other insurance is desired, and a plan is being offered to make this possible. For \$8.50 students may purchase insurance covering a period of going to school, at school, and going from school each day. Twenty-four hour coverage is also available at a cost of \$48 per student. This coverage insures the student during school vacation, holidays and weekends as well.

The reasons that this insurance is available at such a low cost is that it is non-duplicating insurance. Non-duplicating means that other insurance owned by the family, for example, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, must be used first. If other insurance does not cover the complete cost or any part of the cost, then the school insurance plan will take over. By filing a claim with the insurance company, a parent may be reimbursed for any insured loss.

Athletic insurance is also non-duplicating. A parent may not collect from the school's insurance carrier and from another company for the same accident. A policy description will be sent to each student's home early in the school year. Please read it carefully.

If you have any questions, call the Associate Superintendent at 789-1400, Extension 433.

Chapter 2: Federal Block Grant

Under the provisions of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act (ECIA), Chapter 2, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education has approved a federal grant for the public schools of Agawam. The amount approved for 1994-95 is \$16,657.

The money will be spent to provide teachers with the materials and training necessary to ensure that the cooperative learning method in the classroom will be a successful endeavor. This will benefit students in grades 9-12. Continuation and integration of the whole language approach into the elementary curriculum will benefit students from K-6.

The primary objective for the entire project is to provide tools and expertise to improve and enhance the classroom atmosphere and give students every opportunity to receive the best education possible.

Rules Regarding The Use Of School Property

Permission must be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools for use of school grounds. No unauthorized use is permitted. Restrictions are posted and town police so notified. School facilities and grounds are for the use of Agawam residents; curfew exists one-half hour after sunset and during the hours of darkness on the use of school grounds except where permission has been granted. The use of any motor vehicle, including motor bikes, motorcycles, mopeds, automobiles, etc., is prohibited at all times. Riding of horses is also prohibited.

Notice To Drop Outs And Non-School Attendees

Any school drop out, age 16-22 years-old, is encouraged to contact the Department of Special Services for a confidential interview to discuss educational options.

Academic tutoring is available to eligible youth unable to attend school due to medical problems, accidents, and other circumstances.

For more information regarding appropriate educational options, please contact the Department of Special Services, 789-1400, Extension 442.



School Lunch Program

The Agawam Public Schools serve meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for Elementary, \$1; Middle, \$1.10; Junior High and Senior High, \$1.25. Children also may get meals free or at a reduced price. All meals served must meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please get in touch with us for further information.

If you now get Food Stamps or AFDC for your child, your child can get free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child can get free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40 cents for lunch.

To get free or reduced price meals for your child, you must complete an application and return it to the school. We cannot approve an application that is not complete.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get Food Stamps or AFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a Food Stamp or AFDC case number, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all other household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's Social Security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security number.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	13,616	1,135	262
2	18,204	1,517	351
3	22,792	1,900	439
4	27,380	2,282	527
5	31,968	2,664	615
6	36,556	3,047	703
7	41,144	3,429	792
8	45,732	3,811	880
For each additional member add...	plus 4,588	plus 383	plus 89

VERIFICATION: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should get free or reduced price meals.

FAIR HEARING: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing: Donald J. Charest, Associate Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, (413) 789-1400, extension 433.

REPORTING CHANGES: If your child gets free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because they get Food Stamps or AFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC or Food Stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

CONFIDENTIALITY: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals.

REAPPLICATION: You may apply for free or reduced-price meals any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get Food Stamps or AFDC for your child, complete an application at that time.

In the operation of the Child Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete the application using the instructions for your household. Sign the application and return the application to the school. Call the school if you need help, 789-1400.

PART 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION: All Households Must Complete This Part.

(1) Print the name of the child you are applying for.

(2) List the child's grade and school.

PART 2 - HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS OR AFDC: Complete This Part and Part 5

(1) List a current Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child.

(2) Sign the application in Part 5. An adult household member must sign. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list names of household members or income if you list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number.

PART 3 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD: Complete This Part and Part 5 - A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

(1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT

list any other children, household members or income.

(2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in Part 5.

"Personal use" income is (a) money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as for clothing, school fees, and allowances; and (b) all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time or regular part-time jobs.

PART 4 - ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: Complete This Part and Part 5

(1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether they get income or not. Include yourself, the child you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.

(2) Write the amount of income each household member got last month, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income. If any amount last month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income.

(3) An adult household member must sign the application and give his/her Social Security number in Part 5.

To Figure Monthly Income: Weekly x 4.33; Every 2 Weeks x 2.15; Twice a Month x 2.

PART 5 - SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: All Households Complete This Part

(1) All applications must have the signature of an adult household member.

(2) The application must have the Social Security number of the adult who signs. If the adult does not have a Social Security number, write "none" or something else to show that the adult does not have a Social Security number. If you listed a Food Stamp or AFDC number for your child or if you are applying for a foster child, a Social Security number is not needed.

PART 6 - RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY: Complete the racial/ethnic identity question if you wish. You are not required to answer this question to get free or reduced price meals. We need this information to make sure that everyone is treated fairly.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings From Work: Wages/salaries/tips, strike benefits, unemployment compensation, worker's compensation, net income from self-owned business or farm.

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony: Public assistance payments, welfare payments, alimony/child support payments.

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security: Pensions, supplemental security income, retirement income, veteran's payments, Social Security.

Other Income: Disability benefits, cash withdrawn from savings, interest/dividends, income from estates/trusts/investments, regular contributions from persons not living in the household, net royalties/annuities/net rental income, any other income.

All 1st Graders To Get Free Lunch On The First Day Of School

This year, the Agawam Public Schools will offer free lunches to first graders on the first day of school this year. On Tuesday, September 6th, all first graders will be able to enjoy the elementary schools' offered menu compliments of the School Lunch Program.

School Lunch Director Frank Godek said, "We want the first graders to meet our cafeteria workers and enjoy a nutritious meal their first day of school."

Godek noted that first graders are sometimes reluctant to purchase hot lunches during the first weeks of school because they may be "too shy or overwhelmed" with the new situation of a full day's schedule.

65% Participation During 1991-92 School Year

He added, "During the 1991-92 school year, student participation in the School Lunch Program was good, with 65% of the students eating school lunches daily. With donated USDA commodities being plentiful, it has enabled the Town of Agawam to keep the program's food prices stable for the past couple of years."

This year, the prices for the students' lunches have risen slightly and will be \$1 for elementary schools; \$1.10 at Agawam Middle School; and \$1.25 for Junior High and AHS students.

The elementary schools will again sell "lunch tickets" for the week on Monday for that week's menu. Godek said, "That was implemented for the past two years and has worked pretty good. Tickets are purchased on Monday for the entire week's choices. If a child is absent on Monday, they can go to the cafeteria the morning of their return to school to purchase tickets for the remainder of the week."

Godek attributes the success of the lunch tickets to "teachers not having to collect money on a daily basis. Our cafeteria staff counts all the money on Monday and it saves the teachers a lot of class time."

Sandwich Substitutes Available

Lunches at the elementary schools and Agawam Middle School offer an alternative peanut butter sandwich to students in place of the main course each day. At the Junior High,

there are presently two lunch choices.

Godek said, "We have introduced a second choice of a sandwich meal, such as a grinder, on top of a peanut butter sandwich substitute."

At AHS, there is a salad bar, sandwich meal, and the hot meal offered to students daily. "The student has three choices, and there is always the option of a peanut butter sandwich at any of the schools," Godek noted.

"We are continually working with the Massachusetts School Food Service (MSFSA) in analyzing menus to serve more nutritious items with less fat and salt contents. We are streamlining our menus. But, it's the basic menus that the kids like," said Godek.

He added, "We introduced the fillet of chicken and barbecued rib sandwich at AHS a couple of years ago, and they were very popular. The younger kids really like the chicken nuggets."

Godek said, "We hope the first graders will become familiar with the cafeteria routine through our offering and will feel comfortable their first day of school."

ALL QUESTIONS concerning the contents of the Agawam School Committee & School Dept. Report should go to the Agawam School Dept., 789-1400. The School Dept. asks residents to please drive carefully as school officially opens on Tuesday, September 6th. Please note that the bus schedules have been changed for the 1994-1995 school year. Thank you very much.

Regulation Regarding Student Drug & Alcohol Abuse In Agawam Schools

I. In instances of student drug/alcohol use and abuse, the role of the schools is basically educational. The following regulations have been established to help assure the welfare of individual students as well as the general welfare of the school population.

A. In accordance with existing state and federal laws, the civil rights of all students under investigation for drug/alcohol possession or use will be protected to the fullest extent possible by the administration.

B. The intent of the drug/alcohol policy is rehabilitative rather than punitive.

II. Any student or parent who seeks guidance on a drug/alcohol problem from any school administrator, counselor, teacher, or other staff person will be provided with such guidance without disciplinary action as long as the student is not observed on school grounds selling, possessing, or using alcohol or drugs.

When confronted by a student who is seeking guidance, staff will follow the procedure outlines below:

A. Refer the student to an appropriate agency.

B. Exercise appropriate judgement in making parental contact with consideration for the student's wishes.

C. Notify the building principal of any drug/alcohol counseling in order to coordinate all possible means of assistance available to the student.

III. Responsibilities

Individuals must accept their responsibilities according to their recognized abilities and roles.

A. Students

1. Students who possess, sell, or exchange drugs/alcohol within the school boundaries or within the school will be subject to criminal charges as well as disciplinary action as outlined below:

a. First offense—suspension from school for a minimum of three school days and a maximum of 10 school days.

b. Second and succeeding offenses—Referral to the School Committee with the recommendation that the student be expelled from school.

2. Students found to be under the influence of drugs/alcohol will be liable for disciplinary action as outlined below:

a. First offense—Suspension from school for a minimum of three school days.

b. Second offense—Suspension from school for a minimum of 10 school days.

c. Third and succeeding offenses—Referral to the School Committee with the recommendation that the student be expelled.

In all cases of suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related acts, there must be a conference with the school administration by the parent or guardian of the student prior to reinstatement of the student. Students who are subjected to suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related problems may request a hearing before the School Committee.

B. Teachers, counselors, and staff will be cognizant of drug problems and use professional judgement in observing students concerning drug/alcohol use and/or possession.

1. Any staff member who observes a student in possession of alcohol or drugs will be required to immediately inform the building principal.

2. Any staff person who is reasonably convinced that a student is under the influence of drugs/alcohol should use the following procedure:

a. Notify the school nurse immediately. In the event that the school nurse is not present, the building principal or his designee should be notified immediately.

b. If the school nurse feels the illness is drug/alcohol-related, he/she will notify the building principal or his designee.

c. First aid will be administered as necessary and as prescribed by law.

d. If a parent cannot be contacted, and the illness persists, the school nurse will contact the family physician or school physician and follow his direction. If no physician can be contacted, the nurse will arrange to hospitalize the student.

C. Administrators

1. Administrators who find a student in possession of alcohol, suspected drug material or narcotic devices will do the following:

a. Ask the police to identify the suspected materials.

b. Notify the student's parents if the analysis demonstrates the presence of alcohol or drugs.

c. The principal may also take any other action at this time as deemed appropriate.

d. Student lockers are the property of the school department and may be searched by the building principal or his designee when there is sufficient reason to believe that a student is using school property to conceal illegal drugs or alcohol. All such searches will be conducted in accordance with the School Committee's policy (see statement coded JFG).

2. When an administrator is reasonably convinced a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he/she should take the following steps:

a. The building principal or his designee will contact the parents.

b. Following contact with the parents, the principal or his designee, with the advice of the school nurse, will decide whether the student should remain in school or be taken home by the parents.

c. Any notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies will be the responsibility of the building principal or his designee.

d. A referral to the student's guidance counselor will be made.

D. Parents

1. Because supportive action by the parents is crucial to the success of any counseling, the parents will be encouraged to contact the principal if they are concerned about their child's possible drug/alcohol-related behavior, and the principal will encourage the parents to become involved in any aspect of drug/alcohol counseling which is deemed desirable.

2. It is important that parents follow the school system's policy on administering drugs to students (see statement coded JHCD) and inform the school of any medication prescribed for and used by a student while in school.

Issued and adopted June 23rd, 1987.

Agawam's Student Drug/Alcohol Abuse Policy

The School Committee recognizes that the use of drugs/alcohol illegally and/or inappropriately constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students, and that the welfare of certain students is being compromised by drug/alcohol-related problems.

Accordingly, the School Committee shall attempt to clarify through this policy and the accompanying administrative rules, the rights and responsibilities of the principals, teachers, students, and parents in dealing with the complex legal, social, educational, and emotional conditions associated with drug/alcohol use and abuse.

At the same time, the Committee shall attempt to make clear the different forms of action which, depending upon the severity of a drug/alcohol-related incident, must be taken and those which shall be left to the discretion of the principals, teachers, and students.

While the Committee cannot and shall not allow the sale, use, or possession of illegal drugs/alcohol on school property, the Committee strongly desires to demonstrate its abiding concern for the welfare of an individual student and the general welfare of the school population by offering expert, continued, and supportive advice and counsel to its students.

In cases where a student violates this policy by the use of drugs/alcohol illegally within the school boundaries or within the school or its involved in the sale, possession or exchange of drugs/alcohol within the school or within the school boundaries, the student will be disciplined in accordance with the School Committee approved rules governing student drug/alcohol abuse.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, or his designee, to inform school personnel, students, and parents of this policy and related administrative regulations. Copies of these statements shall be provided to students and parents upon request.

Chapter 1

The school department has applied for and received approval from the federal government for a project to increase the educational opportunities of students with certain basic skills deficiencies. The amount of the grant is \$170,031.

This project, known as Chapter 1, provides extra reading and math instruction to those students who need the extra help in order to keep up with their classes. In order to qualify for funds, the individual schools as well as the school district must have a minimum percentage of educationally deprived students with educational needs.

A Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) meets monthly and is involved in all stages of planning, operating, and evaluating the program. Because of its close work with the schools, the council links the home and school enhancing opportunities for these students.

More than 200 students in grades 1-5 will receive extra assistance in reading and math this year because of this grant.

High School Gym Lockers

Combination padlocks will be available for sale in the high school office for \$5 each. Locks will also be available on September 6th at a table to be set up in the cafeteria area during all lunches for the freshmen, and on September 8th for all upperclassmen.

Students who wish to secure their gym/athletic lockers are asked to purchase a lock early. Non-school locks will not be allowed. The purchased lock becomes the student's property and can be used throughout his/her high school career.

Stormy Weather Cancellation Or Delayed Opening

In case of inclement weather, closing of school or delayed opening, notifications will be given over WHYN, WMAS, WAQY, WNNZ, WPKX, WWLP, and WGGB. Please, **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.**

If there is school during bad weather, the FINAL DECISION CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST REST WITH THE PARENT.

Children should be well-informed by their parents what they are to do in case school closes during regular school hours because of storm conditions.

Chap. 622: Prohibiting Discrimination Of Any Kind In The Public Schools

An important piece of legislation affecting the public schools was passed in August 1971. This law, Chapter 622 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971 is referred to as "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Public Schools." The law reads:

"No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin."

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and of minority groups. No school may exclude a child from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school because of race, color, sex,

religion, or national origin of such child.

On June 24th, 1975, the State Board of Education approved regulations for Chapter 622. These regulations address five areas of school policy: school admissions, admission to courses of study, guidance, content and extra-curricular, and athletic activities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chapter 622 and how it affects your children, please do not hesitate to contact your local principal or the superintendent of school's office. Copies of the law and the regulations can be obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Instruction and Curriculum Services, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148-5023. Telephone (617) 338-3300 Ext. 285.

Immunization Of Agawam Students

The School Immunization Law, a section of the General Laws, states that: "No child shall be admitted to school except on presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against Diphtheria, Pertussis (whooping cough), Tetanus, Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Poliomyelitis, and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health." Lead poisoning screening is also required.

Our school nurses are actively trying to have

the Agawam schools comply with the mandate by sending reminders to parents and guardians to update their children's immunizations during the summer months. It will be necessary to have all children fully immunized or in the process of immunization for attendance in school. The Health Department urges parents to take care of this requirement as soon as possible.

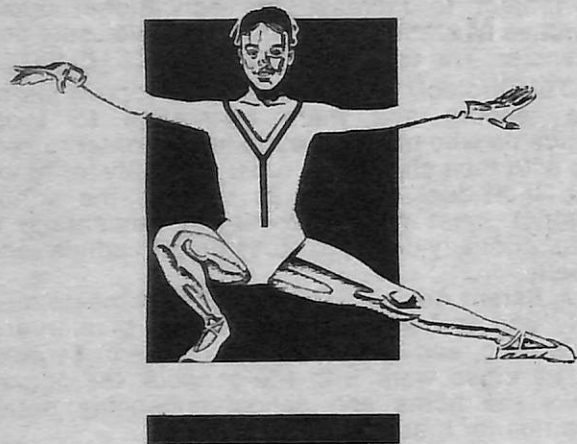
Please refer any questions to your school nurse, Department of Health office, or family physician.

AHS Fall 1994 Athletic Schedule

FIELD HOCKEY

Time: 3:30 p.m.
Site: High School

September 12th: East Longmeadow, Away (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
September 14th: Minnechaug, Home.
September 16th: West Springfield, Away.
September 20th: Greenfield, Away.
September 23rd: Southwick, Away.
September 27th: Westfield, Home.
September 29th: East Longmeadow, Home.
October 3rd: Smith Academy, Away.
October 5th: So. Hadley, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
October 6th: Amherst, Home.
October 11th: Minnechaug, Away.
October 13th: Longmeadow, Away.
October 18th: West Springfield, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
October 19th: So. Hadley, Away.
October 21st: Longmeadow, Home.
October 24th: Southwick, Home.
October 26th: Westfield, Away.

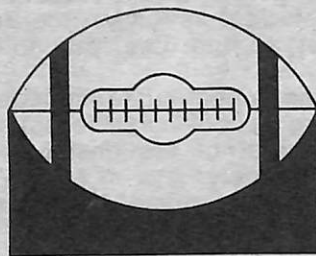


GYMNASTICS

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Site: High School Gym

September 23rd: WAHCONAH/Lenox, Away.
September 30th: AMHERST/Monument Mt., Away.
October 7th: PITTSFIELD/Central, Away.
October 12th: Longmeadow/Gateway, Home.
October 18th: CHICOPEE COMP/Wahconah, Away.
October 25th: Amherst/Minnechaug, Home.
November 3rd: LONGMEADOW/West Springfield, Away.
November 9th: Chicopee Comp/Taonic, Home.

(The "away" locations for gymnastics meets are indicated by CAPITAL letters.)



FOOTBALL

Site: High School

September 16th: Northampton, Away (7:00 p.m.).
September 19th: Northampton (JV), Away (3:30 p.m.).
September 24th: Amherst, Away (1:30 p.m.).
September 26th: Amherst (JV), Away (3:30 p.m.).
September 30th: Holyoke, Away (7:00 p.m.).
October 3rd: Holyoke (JV), Away (3:30 p.m.).
October 7th: South Hadley, Home (7:00 p.m.).
October 10th: South Hadley (JV), Home (10:00 a.m.).
October 14th: Westfield, Home (7:00 p.m.).
October 17th: Westfield (JV), Home (3:30 p.m.).
October 21st: Central, Home (7:00 p.m.).
October 24th: Central (JV), Home (3:30 p.m. - Phelps).
October 28th: Cathedral, Home (7:00 p.m.).
October 31st: Cathedral (JV), Home (3:30 p.m. - Phelps).
November 4th: Chicopee Comp, Away (7:00 p.m.).
November 7th: Chicopee Comp (JV), Away (3:00 p.m.).
November 11th: Minnechaug, Home (7:00 p.m.).
November 14th: Minnechaug (JV), Home (3:00 p.m.).
November 24th: West Springfield, Away (10:00 a.m.).

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

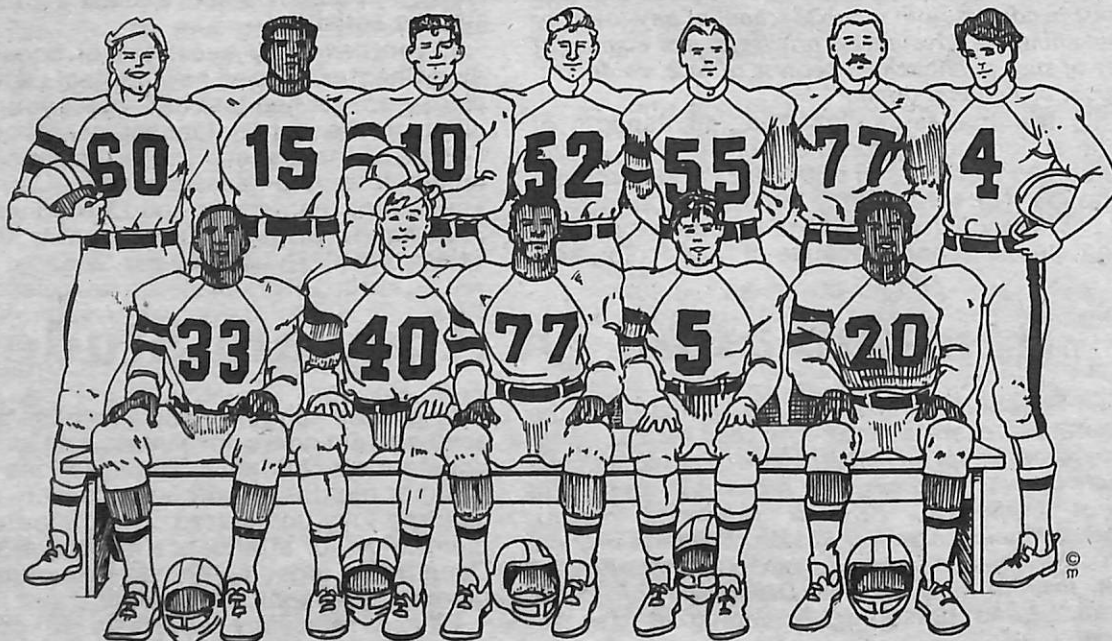
September 23rd: Enrico Fermi, Home (3:30 p.m. - Phelps).
September 30th: Holyoke, Home (3:30 p.m. - Phelps).
October 7th: Chicopee, Home (3:30 p.m. - Phelps).
October 14th: Westfield, Away (3:30 p.m.).
October 21st: Central, Away (3:30 p.m.).
October 28th: Cathedral, Away (3:30 p.m.).
November 4th: Chicopee Comp, Home (3:00 p.m. - Phelps).
November 11th: Minnechaug, Away (1:00 p.m.).

FRESHMEN BOYS' SOCCER

Time: 3:30 p.m.
Site: High School

September 9th: West Springfield, Home.
September 13th: Chicopee Comp, Away.
September 16th: Ludlow, Away.
September 23rd: Northampton, Home.
September 27th: Cathedral, Away (3:30 p.m.).
September 30th: Longmeadow, Home (3:30 p.m.).
October 3rd: Minnechaug, Home.
October 11th: Central, Away (4:45 p.m. - Marshall Roy).
October 13th: Westfield, Home (3:30 p.m.).
October 18th: Amherst, Home.
October 21st: Holyoke, Home.
October 24th: Northampton, Away.
October 27th: Chicopee Comp, Home.
October 31st: Westfield, Away.

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**BOYS' SOCCER**

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: High School

September 9th: West Springfield, Away (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 September 13th: Chicopee Comp, Home.
 September 16th: Ludlow, Home (3:00 p.m.).
 September 19th: Chicopee, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 September 23rd: Northampton, Away.
 September 27th: Cathedral, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 September 30th: Longmeadow, Away (4:30 p.m.).
 October 3rd: Minnechaug, Away.
 October 11th: Central, Home (4:45 p.m.).
 October 13th: Westfield, Away.
 October 15th: West Springfield, Home (1:00 p.m.).
 October 18th: Amherst, Away.
 October 21st: Holyoke, Away (S'dale/Roberts).
 October 24th: Northampton, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 October 27th: Chicopee Comp, Away.
 October 29th: Pittsfield, Away (1:00 p.m.).
 October 31st: Westfield, Home (5:00/6:30 p.m.).

GIRLS' SOCCER

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: High School

September 8th: Cathedral, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 September 12th: Central, Away (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 September 15th: Northampton, Home.
 September 20th: Chicopee, Away (3:30 p.m. - V Moose - JV Liters).
 September 22nd: Minnechaug, Away.
 September 26th: Ludlow, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 September 29th: East Longmeadow, Home.
 October 4th: Longmeadow, Away (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 October 6th: Westfield, Home.
 October 7th: Wahconah, Away (3:30 p.m.).



October 10th: West Springfield, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 October 12th: Chicopee Comp, Home.
 October 14th: Holyoke, Away (3:00 p.m. - Donahue/Roberts Field).
 October 17th: West Springfield, Away (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 October 20th: Cathedral, Away.
 October 25th: Longmeadow, Home (5:30/7:00 p.m.).
 October 28th: Ludlow, Away.

FRESHMEN GIRLS' SOCCER

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: High School

September 8th: Cathedral, Away (3:30 p.m.).
 September 12th: Central, Home (3:30 p.m.).
 September 22nd: Minnechaug, Home.
 September 26th: Ludlow, Away.
 September 29th: Amherst, Home.
 October 4th: Longmeadow, Home (3:30 p.m.).
 October 6th: Westfield, Away.
 October 10th: West Springfield, Away (11:00 a.m.).
 October 12th: Central, Away (3:30 p.m. - Marshall Roy).
 October 14th: Holyoke, Home (3:30 p.m.).
 October 17th: West Springfield, Home (3:30 p.m.).
 October 20th: Cathedral, Home (3:30 p.m.).
 October 25th: Longmeadow, Away (3:30 p.m.).
 October 28th: Ludlow, Home.



Registration To Begin For Adult Education Program

Registration for the Fall 1994 term of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, September 12th, 13th, and 14th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the high school guidance office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam. Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, September 19th; Tuesday, September 20th; and Wednesday, September 21st, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the high school guidance office. Classes will begin on Monday, September 19th, and end on Wednesday, November 30th.

The tuition charge is \$55 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course. The administration reserves the right to cancel courses for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of the courses and the nights they are being offered the winter term:

Monday: Academic courses for high school diploma *; Beginning Guitar; Lotus 1-2-3; Typing I.

Tuesday: Accounting I; Algebra I; Conversational Italian; Conversational Spanish; Intro to Track Recording; SAT Preparation Verbal & Math.

Wednesday: Academic courses for high school diploma *; Algebra II; Chemistry; Computer Concepts; Italian Cooking; Oil Painting; Word Perfect I.

(* Includes English 9, 10, 11, 12; U.S. History; Psychology; General Math; Business Math; General Science; World History.)

Welcome Back To School!

Hydration Regs. For School Sports

The following guidelines shall be distributed to all coaches, student athletes, and parents as part of the normal sign-up process. All coaches shall discuss these guidelines with their student athletes prior to the beginning of the first practice/tryout session. All coaches shall encourage their student athletes to discuss these guidelines with their parents to insure proper pre-practice/tryout and post-practice/tryout hydration. The guidelines are broken down into the following three sections.

1. Coaches - Guidelines for practice/tryout session hydration

2. Student Athletes - Guidelines for pre-practice/tryout, practice/tryout, and post-practice/tryout hydration

3. Parents - Guidelines for pre-practice/tryout and post-practice/tryout hydration

COACHES

1. During the hot summer months, practice/tryout sessions should be conducted during the cooler part of the day (early morning or early evening).

2. Student athletes should be allowed to acclimatize—coaches should start with light, short practices/tryouts with minimal gear and gradually work up to full-gear sessions.

3. Coaches should make every effort to limit practice/tryout sessions to two (2) hours or less. Multiple sessions are permitted during the same day if separated by six hours.

4. No student athlete in visible distress should be denied rest and/or water. Student athletes

should be encouraged to consume 8-12 oz. of cool water every thirty (30) to forty-five (45) minutes during practice/tryout sessions.

5. Coaches should not distribute salt tablets—student athletes need to replace fluid loss, not salt—a proper diet will replenish any salt loss.

STUDENT ATHLETES

1. Student athletes should wear light-weight, loose-fitting clothing to practice/tryout sessions.

2. Student athletes should **not** wear rubberized clothing or heavy sweat suits during practice/tryout sessions.

3. On hot humid days, student athletes should try to consume approximately two glasses of cool water two hours **before** practice/tryout.

4. Student athletes should try to consume 8-12 oz. of cool water every thirty (30) minutes **during** practice/tryout.

5. Student athletes should try to consume cool water as thirst demands during the two-hour period **after** practice/tryout.

6. Student athletes are encouraged to utilize cool water for the replacement of fluids. If electrolyte drinks are utilized, it is suggested that they be diluted with cool water to a greater extent than called for by the respective manufacturer.

7. Student athletes who are overweight and/or light skinned should be more careful as they are more susceptible to heat stress.

PARENTS

1. Parents should encourage their children to wear light-weight, loose-fitting clothing to practice/tryout sessions.

2. Parents should discourage their children from wearing rubberized clothing or heavy sweat suits during practice/tryout sessions.

3. Parents should encourage their children to consume approximately two to three glasses of cool water two hours before practice/tryout.

4. Parents should encourage their children to consume approximately 34 oz. of cool water during the two-hour period after practice/tryout.

All parties (coaches, student athletes, and parents) should watch for the following problems caused by the lack of proper hydration:

Heat Cramps

Symptoms: Characterized by cramping and severe muscle spasms.

Suggestion: Consume liquids and engage in gentle stretching of the muscle.

Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms: Characterized by extreme weakness, headache, dizziness or fainting, profuse sweating, cold and clammy skin, a rapid but weak pulse, and near normal temperature.

Suggestion: Call ambulance for transport to Emergency Room.

Heat Stroke

Symptoms: Warm/dry skin, lack of sweating, rapid and full pulse, high rectal temperature, serious disorientation, and unconsciousness.

Suggestion: CALL AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY! Cool body by whatever means possible (e.g. hose, ice, water, cold shower).

The staff of the Advertiser News wishes all the students, teachers, and administrators of the Agawam School System the best for a happy and successful 1994-1995 school year!

